Bodies of Jordanian soldiers found in W. Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — The bodies of three Jordanian soldiers who fought in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war were found buned in the West Bank oear Jerusalem last week, a Jordanian official said on Monday. Jordan's ambassador to Israel, Marwan Muasher, said only one of the three soldiers - Bassem Baghdadi — was identified, because a copy of his passport and his military metal tag were found on his body. "Israelis were digging near the scalement of Givat Ze'ev near Jerusalem when they found the three bodies," Mr. Muasher told Reuters, "The Jordanian embassy was trying to identify the other two bodies who were also believed to be soldiers who fought in the 1967 war, he said. Two bombs, a gun and 200 bullets were uncovered with the three bodies. "This is the first time it happens that bodies of Jordanian soldiers who fought in the 1967 war were found, and we are planning a ceremony after identifying the rest to return the bodies to their families," Mr. Muasher said.

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iel for a no BARCELONA (Agencies) to fight terrorism, saying it was necessary to distinguish between terrorism and ss office wa. Farouk Al Sharaa, responding to a face-to-face appeal from his Israeli counterpart. told a Euro-Mediterranean conference on Monday that Svria was ready to make full peace with Israel in return for a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

"If what the Israeli foreign minister, General (Ehnd) Barak, said constitutes a commitment before this conference... then Syria is ready with all objectivity to commit itself to full peace in return for full withdrawal, coupled with measures that guarantee security for both sides," be

Mr. Sharaa was responding, through the chair, to a dramatic personal appeal from Gen. Barak, a former armed forces chief-of-staff who became Israel's foreign mnister only last week, at the first multilateral forum to be attended by both countries.

The Syrian minister said that if Gen. Barak's pledge that peace was of strategic importance to Israel and the Jewish state was ready to take account of Syria's security interests was true, "then we can achieve peace within

the next few months." However, he said peace could not be achieved in the Middle East unless Israel withdrew to its borders before the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and guaranteed "the legitimate rights of the

Palestinians. Mr. Sharan also sought to qualify a commitment in the draft Barcelona declaration between terrorism and legitimate freedomfighting" against racism and

foreign occupation. Earlier, Gen. Barak told his Syrian counterpart in his opening address: "Let's

make peace." "I look at this conference hall and I see representatives from Lebanon and Syria, including my counterpart Mr. Sharaa. Permit me to address

a few words to you," he said. We have been rivals on the hartlefield and shed the blood of our courageous soldiers, the finest sons of Syria and Israel.

'Let us now make peace." Mr. Sharaa stared straight ahead as Gen. Barak made his speech, while Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat nodded in agreement.

Gen. Barak continued: "Peace between us is of strategic importance and, I believe, of strategic importance to Syria too.

"We bave to overcome the memories, bring down the walls of suspicion and learn to respect each other's perspective, interests and sensiti-

"Our challenges will be to understand the security needs of each other and establish a viable structure that would respond and cater to both." Gen. Barak and Mr. Sharas both left the conference hall separately after the

several minutes later and made his speech. Mr. Sharaa had earlier refused an Israeli request to

speech. Mr. Sharaa returned

meet Gen. Barak on the sidelines of the two-day confer-

CDCC. The conference is the first time in four years that Syria has attended an international forum also involving Israel, outside U.N. assemblies.

The two countries' peace talks are deadlocked over the terms of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

The European Union has repeatedly stressed that the Barcelona conference would not be a forum for the Middle East to air its problems.

Spanish Foreign Minister Javier Solana opened the conference by saying: "We are not going to resolve all our differences here; The frameworks already exist to do that."

But Lehanon's Foreign Minister Faris Bouez used his speech to condemn Israel's occupation of a border security zone and "daily aggressions" in South Lehanon, which he said was an obstacle

Mr. Arafat also referred to the Palestinian people's demand for self-determination as part of their campaign for an independent state, which has already angered Israel in the run-np to the conference.

Arab-Israeli differences have meant that a final declaration to be issued at the end of the conference Tuesday has not yet been final-

Syria has stuck to its guns over its demand that the conference distinguish between terrorism and the right to

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Princess Sarvath returned home on Monday Zeid, the King's Private Chamberlain Prince

CROWN PRINCE RETURNS: Their Lawzi, Lower House Speaker Sa'ad Hayel Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Srour, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben after a short working visit to the United Ali Ben Nayef, Their Royal Highnesses Prince Kingdom. They were received at the airport by Ghazi Ben Mohammad, the King's cultural Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Up- secretary, and Princess Rahma Bint Al Hassan per House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al and other senior officials (Petra photo)

Euro-Med partnership will consolidate peace - Jordan

BARCELONA (Petra) — Jordan believes that a partnership with Europe will enhance peace, security and sta-bility in the Middle East region, Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kahariti said Monday.

Delivering Jordan's address to the Barcelona Euro-Mediterranean conference, the minister said that the common principles and denominators between the countries of the Mediterranean region and Europe are bound to help make the partnership between them suc-

It is hoped, said the minister, that the Barcelona declaration will helo lay the foundation for this partnership and the mechanism needed for its implementation, adding that Jordan views the partnership as another stage in the peacebuilding process in the Middle East

He said Jordan is keen on establishing permanent and comprehensive peace based on U.N. resolutions and in-

ternational legitimacy and the principle of land for peace.

He also said that the Kingdom is looking towards the attainment of sustainable socio-economic development, which can provide a better future for the peoples of the region.

Jordan looks forward to the restructuring of its economy with the help of international institutions and through modernisation of its islation with a view to encouraging investment, said

"Our aims are similar to those of Europe and conform to regional aspirations to peace and security and fighting off all forms of violence and terrorism," added the minister, who stressed that Jordan was seeking to establish a regional security mechanism along the lines of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe. He said that Jordan has

common denominators with Europe in terms of respect for democracy, political pluralism and human rights. He said Jordan is looking forward to establishing genuine partnership with Europe to promote socio-economic development and liberate trade and create investment opportunities.

To achieve that goal, he said, Jordan oceds help in overcoming major difficulties like foreign dehts, which is a Kingdom as a result of the difficult circumstances that faced the region in the past. Jordan is also in need of backing for its halance of payments and funds to finance infrastructure projects, said Mr. Kahariti.

"Our meeting today marks the beginning of a general framework of future relations with the European Union and we hope that the future will bring with it more prosperity for all," the minister said

traction of Israel, or else-PLO-largel peace agreements will be stopped. After his first appearance at parliament's foreign uffairs and defence committee since. taking office list week, Mr. Peres told reporters: "Mr. Arafat has to change

three items in the Falestinian

men Peres said on Monday

the Palesime Liberation Organisation (PLO, tad to

cancel parts of the Palestinian

charter that call for the des-

covernant that call for the destruction of Israel. This is part and parcel of the agreement. If they will not respect there will not be a continuation of the agreement."

The latest PLO-Israel agreement on handing over parts of the West Bank to Palestinian control, signed in Washington in September, states the Palestinians will make the changes two month after elections, expected in January.

Palestinian National Authority (PNA) member Ahmad Qouriea, a senior Palestinian negotiator, said in

mark: "Peres should not con-Litzell Printe Minister Shivey to us threats on this

The Palestinian charter is the PLO's political program-

It has never been changed since it was written in 1964 and can be amended only with approval of all 11 factions and a majority of more than 450 members of the

Palestine National Council. "It the Palestine National Council does not annul the charter, it will perhaps be time to dissolve this council,

Mr. Peres warned Monday. Mr. Arafat first agreed to amend the charter in a letter before the signing of the September 1993 declaration of principles. The commitment was repeated in the Sept. 28 accord to extend

self-rule on the West Bank. The Israeli army broke into an office of the militant group Hamas in Tulkarem, witnes-

An Israeli army spokesman confirmed the report. The witnesses said the army forcibly entered the

office of Al Zakat charity (Centinued on page 7)

reaction to Mr. Peres' re-Prince Ra'd reviews tourism projects and

quake-relief efforts AMMAN (Petra) — His gical monitoring stations in Royal Highness Prince Ra'd the Kingdom and that they send regular reports to the Monday visited the Ministry NRA head office. of Tourism and Antiquines discussed tourism projects with Minister of Tourism Abdul Ilah Al Khatih and senior officials.

The Regent, who was hriefed on the mioistry's plans and projects, called on the ministry to offer the residents living near the tourism and archaeological sites priority in employment in obs related to tourism projects. He said that tourism industry could be used to promote economic and social development.

The Regent discussed in particular ways to gromote he tourism industry in Agaba. The Regent visited Aqaba on Sunday.

Prince Ra'd called at the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) and chaired a weakly meeting of heads of its departments dedicated to discussing earthquakes and seismological activities in the

NRA Director General Fauhreddin Daghestani said that there were 27 seismolo-

Dr. Daghestani said the plication of the quake resistance huilding codes which were adopted by the Royal Scientific Society and the Mioistry of Public Works in the early 1980s.

He said repeated calls for in the application of these codes fell on deaf ears.

The Regent toured sections of the NRA and was briefed on their functions by the NRA's seismological observatory centre director, Abdul Qader Amarat who noted that qualified staff were at work at around the clock to monitor seismological activities and report them to the Civil Defence Depart-

Referring to last Wednesday's earhquake south of Aqaba Mr. Amarat said that earthquakes were not new to the Aqaba region, which was hit hy a series of tremors in 1983 and 1993. Khaied Shiyah, director of

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No Barak-Sharaa meeting on the cards in Barcelona

From Ghalia Alul in Barcelona

CHANCES FOR the first ministerial meeting between Syria and Israel since the launching of the peace talks in Madrid in 1991 appeared to vanish Monday with Israeli Foreign Minister Ehud Barak saying he did not believe the meeting would take place.
"Mr. Barak and his Syrian

counterpart, Farouk Al Sharaa, were expected to meet along the sidelines of the Euro-Mediterranean Barcelong conference amidst hopes that the meeting would help reactivate the stalled Syrian-Israeli peace talks.

Mr. Barak, who took over as Israel's foreign minister last Thursday, told reporters that "I do not believe the meeting (with Mr. Sharaa) will take place."

"It is known that the Syrians have for a while refused

protocol meetings, before negotiations" achieve substantial progress, Mr. Barak told reporters at the Juan Carlos hotel in Barcelona.

The Barcelona conference, which brings together the 15 member states of the European Union (EU) other European states and 12 Mediterranean countries, is the first international conference in which the foreign ministers of Syria and Israel are participating at the same time.

Sources said that Egyptian Foreign Minister, Amr Musa, as well as the Spanish hosts of the Barcelona meeting, tried in vain to arrange for a meeting between the two ministers Monday.

Informed sources said that the Syrian foreign minister even refused to talk to Israeli journalists covering the conference, which aims at consolidating cooperation benean countries and charting mechanisms for regional cooperation. The sources said Mr. Shar-

aa rebuffed Israch journalists who tried to interview him Monday morning following a meeting of Arah foreign ministers attending the Barcelona conference.

Mr. Sharaa refused to answer the questions of Israeli journalists, saying that they are only allowed to take pictures of him.

Syrian sources said Mr. Sharaa refused to meet with his Israeli counterpart because Syria believes the meeting will only help Israel. "Meeting with Israelis (on

the sidelines of the Barcelona conference) will be useless because only the Israelis will benefit from such a meeting," the sources added,

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Ekeus, on Iraq mission, says every issue will be reviewed

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Senior U.N. envoy Rolf Ekeus said Monday he would hold talks here with Iraqi Officials about all aspects of disarming Baghdad of its programmes for weapons of mass destruction.

ment to B "I'm here to continue my discussions with the Iraqi government," Mr. Ekcus, hairman of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM), told reporters after arriving Jiorgio All

He said he would discuss o Fene "all files" — nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons az well as ballistic missiles when he meets Deputy Prime scal criff. Minister Tareq Aziz and the head of military industrialisation, General Ameer

> The first round of talks was expected to begin later Mon-

Mr. Ekeus is preparing his December report on Iraq's disarmament for the U.N. Security Council, which decides whether to maintain or lift economic sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded

The former Swedish diplomat said last week that Baghdad had declared that the weapons of mass destruction "were destroyed secretly as they were produced secretly... However, we have no proof that these weapons have been destroyed."

Kuwait on Ang. 2, 1990.

Mr. Ekens has accused Baghdad of hiding part of its germ warfare and chemical weapons arsenal as well as of resuming imports of equipment to make missiles but without informing U.N. ex-

Asked by reporters bere whether he was seeking missing information, Mr. Ekeus replied: "I will discuss this with the government later

Under U.N. resolutions ending the 1991 Gulf war to free Kuwait, Iraq must destroy its nuclear, biological, chemical and longer-range ballistic weapons and hand over all details about them before the oil embargo can be

Mr. Ekens last week

toured Arab Gulf states partly to raise funds for UN-SCOM, which risks running out of money by early next year. He described the tour "as very helpful for all our efforts," but declined to claborate. At its regular review ear-

lier this month, the Security Council maintained sanctions after Mr. Ekeus issued a report in October accusing Baghdad of hiding informa-

Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammad Al Sahaf told AFP on Sunday that Iraq would cooperate with UN-SCOM but urged Mr. Ekeus to set a quick deadline for his team to finish its work and recommend a lifting of sanc-

"A deadline must be set for ending the mission to investigate disarmament and this period must be short," he

Iraq meanwhile, vowed to reject a U.N. resolution allowing it to sell oil to buy

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Prices take a dive at AFM ket. This started to reflect on

By Khaled Zubeidi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Shares at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) on Monday Cropped to below the 156 point psychological barrier after a gradual decline in share prices, which lasted for three weeks.

The price index Monday closed at 148.66 points. The sudden drop caused fears among dealers and mediators at the market of a steep drop of prices of shares. which were already suffering because of political, economic and administrative fac-

Abdul Mutaleh Abu Hajleh, a dealer, blamed offi-

cials for the drop and said the government was not doing enough for the market, accusing the government of negligence. "This negligence caused the drop of share onces to very low levels to ettract foreign copitals and investors to the bourse," sale

kir. Ahu Haileh. Several other dealers shared Mr. Abu Hajleh's view that there was a need to have a careful study of the

reasons for the drop. Mr. Abu Hajleh of the Universal Brokerage Company, who is also deputy director of the Dealers Society and former member of the AFM board, said the large number of new companies and fresh stock issues exceed

the secondary market and to harm the investment climate in the country, he said, adding that several shareholders in new companies were unable to honour their dues. To spice this, the capital of there companies should be

reduced or they should be merged, he said. Mr. Abu Hajlen blamed the government for the drop and said any irregular decline in international companies is usually tackled officially.

An official source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, attributed the decline to political reasons, mainly political tension between Jordan on the one hand and traq the capacity of the local mar- and Syria on the other.

Bosnian Serbs press push against Dayton peace deal

SARAJEVO (R) — United Nations officials said on Monday Serbs around peace accord but the United States ruled out renegotiating the agreement ending four years of war.

Kris Janowski, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), warned of a possible exodus from Serbheld suburbs due to be handed over to the Sarajevo government under the peace deal agreed last week in Dayton,

The Serbs "seem very, very nervous about these territorial changes," Mr. Janowski told a news confer-

"There bas been so much hostility and so much hatred that I don't think they'll be Sarajevo were distrustful of a taking chances. They will simply leave."

The first elements of the NATO-led force due to enforce the peace accord could arrive in the former Yugoslavia at the end of this week, the top U.S. military official

General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, told reportes that the first 2,000 to 3,000 troops of the 60,000strong force "could be" in Bosnia and Croatia at the end of the week.

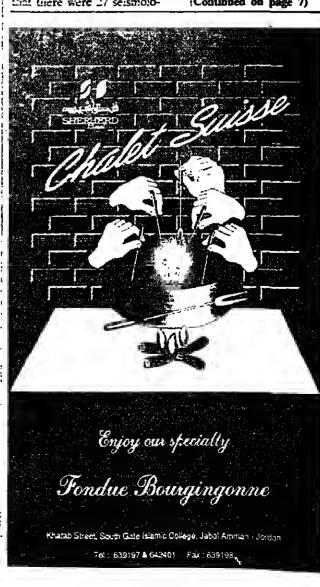
The supreme commander of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) forces,

General George Joulwan of the United States, oceds authorisation from NATO ambassadors to pre-position the first elements of the peacekeeping force. He could get the green light on

Tuesday, diplomats say. Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and other hardliners have condemned the U.S.-hrokered peace accord, demanding that the fate of Sarajevo he renegotiated. The agreement calls for a unified Sarajevo under Muslim-Croat federation

controi. Mr. Karadzie's former patrons in Serbia, which initialled the accord along with

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1 killed, dozens injured in Egypt election violence

CAIRO (Agencies) — One man was killed, at least 20 people injured and about 180 arrested in the last two days of campaigning for Wednesday's parliamentary elections. newspapers and party

officials said on Monday.
The opposition daily Al
Wafd said Abdul Azim She-hata Sayed was killed and 20 others injured in clashes on Sunday between supporters of two candidates from the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) running for the

Sharkia constituency.
The death toll from the election campaign now stands at three, compared to 10 in the last elections in 1990.

Last week. a man was killed in similar brawls in the Mediterranean town of Damietta. In a family dispute over which candidate to vote for, another man was killed and two injured in a southern

The government newspaper Al Akhbar said police arrested 126 people, including independent candidate Mahfouz Hilmi, in the northwestern province of Gharbia. for taking part in an illegal

march on Saturday. Some 4.040 candidates are competing for the 444 seats in parliament, compared to 2.676 in the 1990 elections. which were boycotted by the majority of Egypt's opposition groups.

Analysts expect the NDP. headed by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, to win the 1995 polls by more than 80 per cent, with the opposition parties expected to gain only 40 to 60 seats.

The ruling party has regularly won more than two. thirds of all previous parliament elections. Such a majority is needed to pass any legislation and to elect the president.

Political experts say the only party with the backing to compete with the NDP is the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, which has more than 100 candidates standing as independents.

Police arrested more than 50 supporters of the group late on Sunday in Cairo and Giza provinces on charges ranging from chanting subversive slogans to inciting public disorder.

A statement faxed from the Brotherhood said police jailed 30 supporters of candidate and group spokesman Mamoun Hodeibi during a rally in the Cairo district of

Agouza. Mr. Hodeibi said security

campaign tours and arrested around 30 people.

Mr. Hodeibi said in a state-

ment that he was conducting a "peaceful campaign march. a peacerul campaign march, shaking people's hands and reminding them of (his) name" in the Cairo district of Dokki.

'Suddenly a force of central security agents appeared in a number of cars." Mr. Hodeibi said.

They attacked the march violently with beatings and arrested around 30 of those present. regardless of whether they were part of the procession or just in the street by accident." he said.

Mr. Hodeibi said the act was aimed at "imprisoning as many of my supporters as possible two days before the election" and prevent him from having an observer at the polling station during Wednesday's vote.

Newspapers reported that 20 more supporters were detained in the province of Kafr Al Sheikh. Giza Brotherhood candidate Ali Bateekh told Reuters security forces hauled off three of his supporters at midnight.

The crackdown came a week after a military court sentenced 54 leading Brotherhood figures to prison terms ranging from three to five years.

The verdicts were seen as a last attempt by the government to deal a strong blow to the group prior to the elec-

Mr. Hodeibi hopes a government clampdown on the group this year will trigger, more sympathy among voters. State officials and NDP supporters are trying to sully the group's pacifist image by equating it with the militant groups waging a bloody cam-paign to topple the state.

Later Monday, the Brotherhood said more than a thousand of its members, many of them registered electroal observers, have been arrested over the last 24 bours in the run-up to parliamentary elections. .

"The security services have led an arrest campaign and have especially targetted the delegates of Muslim Brotherhood candidates" in the elections, spokesman Hodeiby

He noted that the names of the delegates, due to monitor voting for Brotherhood candidates, were registered at police stations.



PALESTINIAN PROTEST: Israeli soldiers escort Palestinian women out an area where the women joined protests against the seizure by Jewish settlers of Palestinian land near Al Khader in the West Bank. Al Khader residents said the settlers, from the neighbouring colony of Neve Daniel, had occupied 10 hectares of Palestinian land (AFP photo)

Kabulis mop up after deadly bombing attacks by Talibans

meat and cigarette vendors jockey for space in the hust-ling lane bordered hy the high mud walls of traditional Afghan family compounds, while rescuers search frantically for corpses still buried under a nearby mountain of war debris.

Children play happily in the winding lane and nothing seems amiss or unusual in this busy north Kabul neighbourhood, looking more like the film set of a biblical village than a suburh in a 20th ceutury capital city.

Yet just hours earlier, 13 locals were killed and scores of others were injured when a massive bomh dropped hy high-altitude jets, said by the defence ministry to belong to the Taliban, ohliterated a half-square-kilometre patch of the suburb lying only a few metres from the thriving mar-

It was part of the deadliest air raid yet on the Afghan capital.

The area where 10 families had been living just eight hours earlier looks deserted and eerie in the fading winter light. Charred hedframes loom from under piles of masonry, while pieces of shredded clothing and curtains mingle with the lethal shrapnel littering the maze of foundations and toppled beams littering the ground. and more victims.

A plastic bucket still containing water swings in the wind over the remains of a well near one of the brown mud and brick homes. air raid. "Again we have lost friends and family to the "Next time I may not be so

machines of war, but we have to keep going and maintain the hope that one day this' killing will stop," Aqil Shah, a 42-year-old former factory worker says calmly. have survived the hlast. Mr. Shah's stoic pragmat-

ism highlights the peculiar gift Afghans seem to have of getting up and dusting themselves off almost immediately after experiencing suffering and misery that would have torn apart other less hardy

people. eople.

At least 39 civilians died in Sunday's peak-hour bombing raid which the government said was the work of the Taliban militia who have since last month been besieging Kabul, which has been left in tatters by 16 years of

Yet despite the initial wave of angry recriminations and sounds of wailing mothers and wives near the bomh sites, Kabulis almost immediately began putting their lives back on track, even as teams of rescue workers continued the grisly task of comhing the ruhhle for survivors

"I am just happy to be alive," says Khaled, who lived in one of the many houses shattered by Sunday's

lucky, so I must try to live as normally as possible until the fighting ends or until my turn comes," he added as he scooped np some dusty hlankets which seemed to

"It seems we are meant to fight each other and suffer we have been doing it for years, so it must be our fate," he added before shuffling down the dirt track leading to the gaping bomh crater. Residents of houses across

the street were meanwhile mopping np pools of blood on their doorsteps and clear-ing away the jagged remains of their windows. A taxi driv-er salvaged what be could from the crushed chassis of his aged Russian car.

By dusk two of the main areas hit hy the aerial barrage had been sealed off by local residents who returned to their daily routines after establishing which of their neighbours had died and after making sure any orphaned children were given

on July 27, 1993:

Belgian Foreign Minister
Kohann Vande Lanotte pledged Belgium would uphold "current international guidelines not to send someone back to a country where their life will be in danger.'

However, the Belgian fore ign ministry is studying the possibility of finding another country where be can be expelled after a request for "We want to build an ideal political asylum was turned

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BRUSSELS (R) — Belgium

will not sent Ahmad Zaoui,

presumed leader of an Alge-

rian extremist network in

Europe, back to Algeria be-

cause he faces a death penal-

ty there, the Belgian foreign

Algeria is such that his safety

there cannot be guaranteed, it (expulsion to Algeria) has been ruled out," a ministry spokesman said.

Mr. Zaom, 34, was given a

four-year suspended prison sentence on Nov. 20 by an

appeal court here for criminal association. He was acquitted

in October by a Brussels

court of membership of a

He went on trial with 11

the Armed Islamic Group

(GIA), one of the most radio

al of the guerrilla movements

seeking to overturn Algeria's

Mr. Zaoui's lawyer Motte

De Raedter said on Sunday

that Mr. Zaoui had been

sentenced to death in Algiers

military backed regime.

criminal organisation.

"As long as the situation in

ministry said Monday.

Mr. Zaoui and his colleagues were arrested in March when police netted weapons, ammunition, false identity papers, medical and radio equipment and fundamentalist literature for propaganda purposes.

Belgian authorities believe be is one of the GLA's leaders in Europe. Renters erroneously re-

ported on Sunday that Mr. Zaoui had been convicted by a Belgian court of belonging to the GIA.

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Bahrain court upholds death sentence

NICOSIA (AFP) - An appeals court in Bahram on Monday upheld a death sentence against a Shiite Muslim accused of stabbing and storning to death a police officer during anti-government unrest earlier this year, lawyers said. Issa Ahmad Qambar, 27, was among 10 Shintes accused of murdering Lieutenant Ibrahim Al Saidi, on March 30 in Nuidrat, a mainly Shiite village southeast of the Bahraini capital Manama, lawyers said by telephone. Eight of the 10 were given jail terms and another was acquitted when the lower court issued its ruling on July 5. The appeals court upheld a life prison sentence and confirmed a five-year jail term against another of the accused, but commuted one life term to five years in jail. Two who had been condemned to 10 years in prison saw their sentence reduced to five years each. Three people jailed for five years were acquitted, and the court also upheld the earlier acquittal of the 10th person. At least 12 people died in a five-month wave of unrest against the government which was sparked by the arrest of a Shiite clerie in December.

Sudan to resume repatriation of Ethiopian

KHARTOUM (AFP) — Sudan will resume repatriating Ethiopian refugees in the country during the first week of December, Sudamese refugee officials said Monday. About 300,000 refugees who fied unrest in neighbouring Ethiopia remain in Sudan, mostly in the east of the country. Voluntary repatriation operations began last year but stalled because of what officials here said was the failure by Ethiopian authorities to prepare sufficient reception facilities and the lack of funds for this purpose. About 20,000 Ethiopian refuses were mount back home with help force. Ethiopian refugees were moved back home with help from the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) before the operation was suspended. Sudanese television said the country's minister of state and commissioner for refugees, Ahsan Al Ghabshawi, met Sunday with President Omar Al Beshir to brief him ou a meeting on the refugee problem in Al Shwak town Saturday by representatives from the Sudanese and Ethiopian governments, the UNHCR and non-governmental organizations. The Sudanese president said his government would continue to abide by international conventions on refugees and felt "voluntary repatriation" was the best solution to the problem, the television said.

Bomb explodes at Baghdad office of Iranian group

NICOSIA (R) — A bomh exploded outside the Baghdad offices of the Iranian opposition Mujahedeen-e-Khalq group on Sunday, the group said on Monday. The group said in a statement sent to Reuters a carbomb rocked the said in a statement sent to Reuters a carbomh rocked the group's offices in Andalus Square in the Iraqi capital late on Sunday night. The hlast damaged surrounding buildings but caused no casualties, the statement added. The Iraq-based group has reported several attacks this year, including one in July in which three of its members were sbot dead in a highway attack in Baghdad. There was no immediate Iraqi confirmation of the attack. The immediate Iraqi confirmation of the attack. The Mn]ahedeen-e-Khalq organisation, which opposes the clerical-led government of Tehran, has its headquarters in Baghdad and several bases near the Iranian border.

Turkey protests to Bonn over talks with Kurds

ANKARA (R) - Turkey on Monday said it had protested to Bonn over a meeting between a German intelligence official and the leader of the rebel Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), saying it was counterproductive to efforts to end PKK attacks in Germany. "As soon as we had information of the meeting... we had high-level demarches with the German government," Foreign Ministry spokesman Omer Akbel told an English-language news briefing. "We related to them our displeasure and disapproval." An aide to chancellor Helmut Kohl confirmed on Saturday a meeting between Bernd Schmidbauer, Mr. Kohl's intelligence service coordinator, and PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan in recent months. "No matter what the reason for justification might be, we strongly disapprove of such contacts and we sincerely believe that they are completely counterproductive," Mr. Akbel said. "We have always said that it is not admissable to have talks or contacts with the terrorist (PKK) organisation."

Israell army may enlist help from Muslim cierics

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Islamic clerics could be appointed to

officiate at the funerals of Muslim soldiers serving with the Israeli army, a religious affairs ministry spokesman said Monday. Ofer Amar told AFP the proposal had been made to the weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday by Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet after a row broke out over the funeral of Bedouin soldier who died on Wednesday after a training accident. Muslim clerics had refused to take part in the funeral of Alaa Al Naim, 19, branding him as a "Zionist" soldier for serving in the army. Mr. Shetreat proposed that a Muslim religious official be appointed in the military to coordinate a network of "imams around the country to be in charge of funerals in cases involving the deaths of Muslim soldiers," Mr. Amar said. Dr. Naim was finally buried at the Nazareth Muslim cemetery in a military ceremony according to conditions set out by an imam, but without any religious officiation, the Jerusalem Post reported. Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak pledged to his parents when he paid a condolence visit on Sunday that he

would try to solve the problems. "If we don't know how to

honour the dead, we won't know how to respect the

Fundamentalists enter Egyptian polls in force

CAIRO (AFP) — Muslim fundamentalist candidates are running in Wednesday's parliamentary elections in force, despite a government crackdown, in a bid to lead the Egyptian opposition.
The Islamie bloc, led by

the banned Muslim Brotherhood along with its Labour and Liberal party allies, stands as the ruling National Democratic Party's (NDP) leading rival in the vote, fielding 223 candidates. But the election comes less

than a week after a harsh blow to the Brotherhood: 54 of its members were sentenced last Thursday for up to five years in prison and police closed down its unofficial beadquarters. With these inhuman ver-

dicts, the authorities are trying to scare off electors and to muzzle us as well as all

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the opposition," Brotherhood spokesman Maamoun, Al Hodeibi said after the military court rulings. "But we are determined to

redouble our efforts in our election campaign," Mr. Hodeibi said. ____ The month-long trials of

the group's members knocked some of its most hopeful candidates out of the race, but Brotherhood leaders remain confident of regaining a foothold in parliament.

Islamic candidates won 36 seats in 1987 but boycotted the last elections five years

"Our deputies might not be able to change everything, but at least they could limit the domination of the NDP." Ahmad Seif Al Islam Hassan Al Banna, the son of the Brotherhood's founder, told

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"The majority cannot defy the opinion of the minority forever. The opposition has the duty to stop tyranny by facing up to the government when it takes anti-democratic moves," Mr. Hodeibi said.

"The arrest of our best members will affect our representation in parliament," he conceded. "The police campaign targeted onr strongest candidates."

"The regime is afraid of having the FIS victory in-Algeria happen in Egypt," Mr. Banna said, referring to 1991 polls in Algeria which were cancelled when the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) looked poised to win.

Last week, six Brotherhood members were sentenced to five years of hard

The rulings in two military trials came at the end of ayear-long police crackdown against the group, which although hanned in 1954 had been tolerated by the state since the mid-1970s.

During its long truce with the authorities, the Brotherhood successfully swept elections in several professional unions in the 1990s, demonstrating its active voter sup-DOTT.

But since it has no legal status, it is not allowed to run as a political party and its candidates in the parliamentary vote can only be recognised by their slogan: "Islam is the solution."

"We want to be governed hy Islam. Religion is anchored in the hearts of the Egyptian people," Mr. Ban-

Brotherhood candidates have focused on poorer constituencies, hinging their campaigns on social issues while distancing themselves from the militant violence which the authorities have accused them of backing.

society. Islam is the best economic and ideological model to reform society and achieve happiness for mankind," said the son of the late founder Hassan Al Banna. The Brotherhood calls for

"nationalist capitalism, based firstly on Egyptian capital, estimated at \$80 billion, and then capital from Arab or Islamic countries," he said.

"We are against violence and anarchy. Change must be made democratically. Why should we resort to vio-

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Seminar tackles reporting on corruption, credibility of media

By Lola Keilani Special to the Jordan Times

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AMMAN — While some Jordanian journalists believe that laws should be amended to guarantee them more protection and access to information, particularly in their reporting of cases of corruption, former govemment officials pointed to what they called the dangers in unprofessional reporting.

At a seminar entitled "Towards a Strategy to Resist Corruption," organised by the ministries of administrative development and justice, the role of the media, in the battle against corruption, was discussed by media experts, lawyers and government officials.

The three groups emphasised the importance of the media in acting as a watchdog and discussed ways in which it can contribute to uncovering corruption in

But one former cabinet minister warned that a "corrupt media is far more dangerous than corruption (itself) in any other institu-

Former Deputy Prime Minister Said Tal lashed out at columnists for allegedly

accepting bribes from sources with interests in influencing public opinion. "We have corrupt enturnnists whn are paid from cer-

tain sources, said Dr. 'fal, adding that Jordan's media institution should "put an end," to such practices. In defence of journalists working for the official media, Secretary General of

the Parliament Hakam Khair said "fear is deeply rooted in the sub-conscious of the media people, who are (rustrated and treated as second class by their supe-Mr. Khair cited as an

example official news reports on public service issues, saying that the reporters tend to intpose self-censorship even on issues which are neither sensitive nor controversial.

According to Mr. Khair, if communication between official media reporters and their supervisors is not improved, self-censorship, fear and frustration will

stand in the way of revealing cases of corruption.

Mr. Khair said that because "television and radio are the most important information bodies in Jordan," and that these two institutions are owned by the government, a board of directors from both the private and public sectors, should be established in

order for them to become

"name objective in their

reporting." As the discussion turned to the issue of professionalism, participants stressed the need for proper training of journalists on the different types of reporting, especially investigative reporting which, they agreed, is vital to any story about cor-

ruption.
The establishment of an advanced training centre for media people is extremely essential, and should be financed by both the private and public sectors," Mr. Khair said.

Participants concurred that its order to help the media to fully participate in democratisation editors

reporters should develop their skills by attending courses at well-established radio and television stations as well as newspapers

Reporting on corruption in the printed press should become more professional, the participants said.

According to Mahmoud Sharif, former minister of information, and a founder of Al Dustour Arabic daily, "sensational headlines, irresponsible comments, and stories which lack evidence hadly damage the credibility of the press." At the conclusion of the

seminar, representatives of the Ministry of Administrative Development fold the Jordan Times that further study of the comprehensive topic of forming a government strategy to deter cor-ruption, which would include the media's role, will he conducted. The aim, they said, is to present the results of such a study to the cabinet, in the hope

of adopting a national strat-

'Efforts being made to create right climate for job-seekers'

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Labour is trying to create opportune climates for job seekers to find employment and at the same time is trying to better control the local labour market, Minister of Lubour Nader Ahul Sha'er said Monday.

In an address to an audience attending a ceremony to graduate a group of 30 men and women workers who attended a 10-day training seminar on workers' education, the minister said vocational training centres and the Labour Culture Institute which held the training seminar, were intensilying their efforts to help job seekers.

The minister said the Labour Culture Institute will soon be enlarged to become a full-fledged corporation responsible for organising cultural training courses to Jordanian work-

Mazen Ma'aitah, Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions secretary general, said the institute has been instrumental in providing education to workers and in promoting their standards.

He said there was need for maintaining close cooperation between workers, employers and the con-



Minister of Labour Nader Abul Sha'er Monday graduates participants of a 10-day training seminar on workers' education (Petra photo)

daties, the labour move-

cerned government authorities to promote industry in the Kingdom.

He added that industry creates jobs and helps deal with the unemployment problem.

Graduates listened to lectures on the Jordanian Labour Law, legislation and regulations pertaining to the labour market, the Social Security Corporation, unions' rights and ment and social and economic plans undertaken by the government to deal with poverty and unemployment. Unemployment soared

dramatically in the wake of the Gulf crisis of 1991 with the return of 350,000 Jordanian expatriates from the Gulf states.

Foreign workers in the pasi summer months were estimated at 250,000 of whom only 42,000 had work permits prompting the government to introduce strict measures to control the labour market to help

the unemployed find jobs. Jordan's workforce is estimated at 865,000 out of a population of four mil-

At least 150,000 are unemployed, according to

Private sector delegation leaves for Barcelona conference

AMMAN (Petra) - Leaving for Barcelona Monday to take part in the economic meetings of the Euro-Mediterranean conference, Bassam Saker, who is board chairman of the Jordan Cement Factories Company, said be would reck. European support for Jor-

dan's economy.

Dr. Saket said this could more of the Kingdom's products to be marketed in Europe which currently absorbs 52 per cent of the Mediterranean countries' exports.

According to Dr. Saket the European Union has already pledged \$12 billion in the form of financial assistance to Mediterranean nations between 1995 and 1999, of which \$600 million

will be spent during 1996. In a pre-departure statement, Dr. Saket said the economic meetings will tackle topics related to social and economic strategies for the 21st century and the creation of free trade zones by the year 2010 as well as subjects pertaining to trade and foreign investments and European agreements.

Representing the private sector at the conference are Dr. Saket and Haidar Murad, who is President of the Amman Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Saket and Mr. Murad

sion over the establishment of a new Euro-Mediterranean forum. The forum will undertake

will take part in a discus-



Bassam Saket

to promote trade and economic relations between Europe and the Arab states. Jordan's official delegation to the Barcelona con-



Haidar Murad

ference is led by Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti and includes officials representing several government departments.

Government pardons convicts for contacts

with Israel

AMMAN (AP. - Tin: government announced Monday that it will drop charges against citizens convicted of contacts with Israel, in line with a peace treaty signed a year ago. Justice Minister Hisham

Tal said the decision applies to 30 Jordanians who are serving prison terms or fugitives who were sentenced in absentia during a nearly 50-year state of belligerency that ended when the peace treaty was signed in October 1994.

He told the Associated Press that an unspecified number of convicts who already had served prison terms would not be compensated.

"We can't undo what has been done," Mr. Tal said. The minister stressed that those who were convicted of espionage would not he pardoned since "spying falls under a different category of the criminal code."

He said those eligible for amnesty would be acquitted after the prosecutor general reviewed their cases to ensure that they were entitled for pardon.

Dealing with Israel is now legal under Jordanian law in viewof the peace treaty," Mr. Tal said. "We can't keep people in jail for committing what is regarded as legal acts."

Suspect will not be extradited until formal request is received

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan is awaiting a formal request from Ruwait for the extradition of a Jordanian accused of nembezzlement in the emirate and now under custody in the Kir ... dom, judicial sources saw Monday.

Nassim Mohsen, who served as financial manager of the government-owned Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC), was arrested last week in response to a Kuwaiu request, prosecutor general Adeed Jalamdeh

"We are waiting for a formal extradition request, a charge sbeer and other documents from Kuwait before Mr. Mohsen is extradited" to Kuwaii, Mr. Jalamdeh was quoted as saying in the local press.

No detail was available on the background of Mr. Mobsen, who lived in Kuwaii for many years before returning to Jordan in the late 80s or early 90s. the Kuwaiti

that the man be detained, they have yet to issue a formal extradition request, but it has to come in 60 days from the day of the arrest. No comment was imme-

authorities had requested

diately available from the Kuwaiti embassy here, but sources expected the emirate's government to issue an extradition request soon. Jordan and Kuwait do not have an extradition treaty, but the two countries, being members of the Arah

League and signatories to the pan-Arab Security Agreement, are bound by the provisions of the agreement to hand over wanted persons to each other.

Mr. Mohsen is among five defendants charged with embezzlement of \$100 million from the KOTC.

The first defendant in the case is a member of the ruling family, former Oil Minister Sbeikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah, who was cleared for trial after a protracted legal wrangle involving parliament and the judicia-

Details related to the case

have been sketchy, but according to reports in the Kuwaiti press, the affair involves the establishment of a nominal entity which bought oil tankers for the transport of Kuwaiti crude exports with KOTC funds but pocketed the proceeds as a separate commercial

The case surfaced shortly after the end of the Aug. 1990-February 1991 Iraqi occupation of Kuwait and an intense investigation into the pre-crisis activities of all state-owned organisations in the emirate.

At least another suspect in the case remains fugitive, believed to be living in Britain.

One Kuwaiti, said to be involved in the case, was found killed in London two years ago, but the precise relation the man had with any other defendant or the KOTC itself also remains

Ministry prepares national water strategy

MA'IN (Petra) - The Ministry of Water and Irrigation has set up ad hoc technical committees to prepare a national water policy and plans to implement such a policy, Secretary General Qusai Quteishat said Mon-

Mr. Outeishat said the policy aims to tackle water problems facing Jordan up to the year 2035 so as to replace the national plan prepared in 1977.

Speaking at a three-day workshop on cooperation between the public and private sectors in the water sewerage sectors organised by the ministry and the World Bank Economic Development Institute at Ashtar Hotel in Maeen, Mr. Quteishat said the main aim of the strategy will be to strike a balance between available water sources and demand by the populace as well as to meet citizens' needs during the summer season and drought

At the present time, Mr. Quteishar said, the ministry conducting technical studies in cooperation with foreign organisations on

means of exploiting water

sources in Wadi Al Mujib,

Al Hisa and Al Disi Basin in southern Jordan as well desalinating underground water. These studies are also

dealing with means of recycling waste wnter to be used in irrigation and ways to replenish underground water sources. The ministry secretary

He said the ministry has already embarked on u pio-

management of water projects aimed at replacing

general said the ministry was also preparing a programme to monitor water sources in terms of quantity and quality and preparing a database on these sources.

neering plan to improve

water canals in the Jordan Valley with pipes and encourage farmers to adopt modern irrigation methods. He added that the plan also entails replacing old water networks and improving the performance of waste water treatment plants, especially the one in

Khirbet Al Samra. Mr. Quteishat revealed that the ministry has also started a study on industries polluting underground water sources to help the ministry contbut such pol-

Foreign media club opens doors

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan's firsi organisation grouping non-Jordanian journalists based in the Kingdom, formally registered as the Foreign Correspondents' Club, has opened the door for associaied membership to Jordanian journalists working for foreign media.

The club, which currently has 21 members, held its first general assembly meeting on Saturday and elected Randa Habib. bureau chief of the French news agency, Agence France Presse (AFP), as president, Rumar Malhotra of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) as secretary, and Jorg Raminski of the German ARD as trea-

"The club's objective is to serve as a forum for social, cultural and non-political activities for foreign correspondents based in Jordan," said Ms. Habib.

"It will arrange meetings with local and visiting officials and arrange conferences etc. along the lines that its counterparts in the region and elsewhere do." The organisation has set

up a special window for Jordanian journalists work-ing for foreign media organisations 10 through creating "associate memberships," said Ms.

While full membership is open to non-Jordanian nationals working on a fixed contract for any media organisation which is not state-controlled, associate membership is accessible to "all other journalists working for the foreign media who do not meet the requirements of full membership."

Ms. Habib, who said she expected the total number of members to eventually reach 100, noted that the idea to set up a foreign cor-respondents' club as a "meeting point for foreign journalists in Jordan" was mooted four years but could not be realised because of legal hurdles.

The way was cleared in February when a group of foreign correspondents raised the issue with His Majesty King Hussein during an informal meeting.

"The King was very encouraging and he immediately instructed the Ministry of Information to faciliate the establishment of a foreign correspondents' club," recalled Ms.

Subsequently, the proposal was legalised through the Press and and Publications Law and endorsed by a Royal Decree.

The Foreign Correspondents' Club has set a nominal fee as membership "to cover the cost of paperwork," and "members might be asked to pay the actual expenses of hosting meetings and other activitics," said Ms. Hahib.

She added that the organisation was now looking forv and to receiving applications for full and associate memberships.

Jordan hosted a relatively large number of foreign journalists in the early and mid-80s before the number declined.

The number has picked up again in the wake of the Middle East peace process and other developments which have projected the Kingdom as one of the key centres in the context of regional politics and economic development.

WEATER COINCION

SHORT STORY RECITAL

Recital of short stories by Oklah Haddad at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art, Gardens Street at 6.30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- Abstract art by Iraqi artist Samira Abdul Wahab at Ab'ad Art Gallery, Mecca Street (Until Dec. 2)
- Plastic art by Abdul Raheem Wakid at Alia Art Gallery, Jabal Amman (Until Dec. 2).
- 'Annual fall exhibition "Khawater" at the Jordan River Designs, (Tel. 613081/2) until Dec. 1.
- Photographs and paintings by Ann O'Neill and Anne Sears at the British Council (until Dec. 3)
- Works by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfali Art Gallery.
- Works by Dodi Taba'a entitled "Variations Graphiques 93-95" at the French Cultural Centre.
- Sculptures & paintings by Iraqi Artist Ismail Fattah, and a retrospective exhibition of sculptures & drawings by Mona Saudi at Darat Al Funun, Jabal Weibdeh.
- *Metal works by Ammar Khammash at Liwan, off Wadi Sagra Street. Also displaying all kinds of handicrafts. (Tel. 699141).

SELENGAL SERVICE

Regent congratulates Lebanon, Mauritania

AMMAN (Petra) - Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ben Zeid, the Regent, Monday sent a cable to Lebanese President Elias Hrawi, congratulating him on his country's independence day. Prince Ra'ad wished Mr. Hrawi continued good health and happiness and the Lebanese people further progress and prosperity. Prince Ra'ad sent a similar cable to Mauritanian President Mu'awia Wild Sidi Ahmad Al Taye' to congratulate him on his country's national day.

Directors instructed to abide by office hours

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday issued a communique instructing directors of government departments and civil servants to be available at their departments during office hours. The Prime Minister said all civil servants can leave their departments during office hours only after obtaining a leave permission from their superiors. The communique was issued after complaints by the Administrative Control and Inspection Bureau that some of the directors leave their departments during office hours, thus causing delays for citizens who are doing paper work at govern-

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China's 'destructive assault' drill is 'a warning' to Taiwan separatists

HONG KONG (AFP) --China's show of military might directly across the strait from Taiwan is a direct warning to the proindependence lobby there of what could be in store. according to a senior adviser to Beijiog.

In a front-page report here Monday, the Beijing-fuoded Wen Wei Po daily said the joiot army, navy and air force exercises held io the past few days, came under China's "destructive assault" warfare strategy, and marked the escalation of such drills following Tai-wan President Lee Teog-Hui's visit to the United States in June.

"The exercises this time show the Chinese governmeot's resolute determinatioo to oppose and halt pro-Taiwan independence, especially to those who thought they could gaio support carry ont the so-called 'democracy-procedure', warned Xin Qi, director of the Beijing-based All-China Taiwan Research Centre.

The weekeod's maio evening television news showed a virtual invasioo rehearsal: Blanket missile firing, huge manoeuvres backed by warplanes and belicopters, amphibious vehicles landing on beaches, troops being parachuted into a mock battle.

"It is a serous warning to those political forces wbo believe that they can automatically split Taiwan away from Chioa," Mr. Xin

Mr. Xin cited remarks by Chinese senior leader Deog Xiaopiog and Presideot Jiang Zemin that "only in such special situations was it necessary to resort to a ooo-peaceful approach in

from foreign powers to order to resolve China's 1949. Beijing has always unity problem."

The Wen Wei Po report noted that the military exercises were organised for the first time to cover the "Nanjiog war zone" and oot according to any military region as in the past.

It said the war zone was aimed at ensuring the easy manoeuvre and reioforcemeot of forces from other military regions including the Nanjing military regioo-controlled East China Fleet and Air Forces.

China's latest sabre rattling came in the ruo-up to the first of two crucial elections for Taiwanese voters. Parliamentary polls will be beld oext month and the presidential electioo in

China and Taiwan have been separated by their rival claims to sovereignty sioce the end of the civil war in

considered the Nationalist island a renegade province waining to rejoin the motherland. The mainland bas repear-

edly staged military exercises in Taiwan's vicinity this year to show its anger at what it considers moves by the nationalists to use their growing economic power as a launching pad for an independeoce bid.

On Oct. 18, oews programmes showed Mr. Jiang, wbo is also chairman of the Ceotral Military Commissioo, watchiog ground and sea exercises.

The Taiwan bourse took a temporary dive after war games in July and August. Those exercises were takeo as a warning after President Lee's private visit to the United States which earned him massive publicity.

Army called in to battle Dhaka inferno

DHAKA (R) — Soldiers were called io to help firemen put out a devastating fire that destroyed nearly 2,500 shops Monday in one of Dhaka's largest markets, witnesses said.

They said bundreds of soldiers joined the fight after Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and opposition leader Sheikh Hasina visited the still-raging fire.

Fire brigade officials said the fire broke out at Bangabazar Market around 6.30 a.m. (0030 GMT) and engulfed the whole market in about an hour, "The fire spread too

quickly and we are oot sure if it was caused by accident or sabotage," one fire brigade official said. Rescuers said at 1 p.m.

(0700 GMT) they had yet to find any dead or injured persons but a search was cootiouing. "It's one of the worst fires in this city. The losses

would run into millions of dollars," one Dbaka City Corporation official said. Witnesses said the sbops at the Bangabazar Market

weot up io flames before firemeo could enter it. The market is famous for its abuodant supply of imported old garments and local factory rejects that attract buyers from Bangladesh and neighbouring countries. Most sbops in the market

were made of wood but had tio roofs, making it more difficult for firemen to spray water oo the blaze, they said. Narrow lanes also hampered firefighting

Ivorian ruling party wins election

ABIDJAN (R) - President Henri Kooan Bedie's ruling Democratic Party (PDCI) won Ivory Coast's second multi-party general election Monday, after securing an absolute majority in the new

Partial results from Sunday's poll, officially posted outside the Interior Ministry, gave Mr. Bedie's party 97 of the 175 seats in the National Assembly.

The party, which bas monopolised power since independence from France in 1960, was on course for an emphatic win. The opposition, which held only 17 scats in the outgoing parliament, bad a combined total of 13.

Snoday's polling was peaceful, in cootrast to October's turbuleot presidential election, even though the two main opposition leaders were prevented from standing and some of their supporters had problems voting.

The main opposition boycotted the Oct. 22 electioo, which Mr. Bedie won easily. Political and ethnic clasbes before and after the poll killed at least 35 peo-

Mr. Bedie had urged lvory Coast's 3.8 million or so registered voters to back his party.
"I have voted for a major-

ity for progress," he told

state television Suoday as be voted in his home town of Daoukro.

lvory Coast, the world's leading cocoa producer, is banking on a reputation for stability to boost iovestmeot and economic revival. The election process will conclude with municipal polls oo Dec. 17.

Partial results showed the Rally Of the Republics, formed by disenchanted members of the ruling party after Mr. Bedie took over on founding President Felix Houpbouet-Boigny's death in 1993, bad won at least eight seats in its first electoral test.

The Ivorian Popular Front (FPI), which spearheaded the campaign that forced multi-party politics oo Mr. Houphouet-Boigny in 1990. had five, the results showed.

Political analysts said the major opposition parties had diluted their support by standing against one another. In several districts the combined vote of the FPI and RDR candidates was more than that of the wioning PDCI candidate. .

Early results suggested a turnout of around 50 per

Oppositioo leaders, wbo lifted their boycott in return about the poll. for a revision of voter lists, "This year it is a case of Houphouet-Boigny.

fraud by electoral census. Many of our militants bave not been able to register to vote," FPI leader Laurent Gbagbo told Reuters

The government has postponed voting for three seats around the FPI bastion of Gagnoa -- including ('bagbo's - until migrant farmers from Mr. Bedie's Baoule tribe, who fled in October, return.

RDR leader Kobina, barred by a disputed new electoral law after failing to prove be had an lvorian pareot, echoed Gbagbo's concern. He did oot vote, fearing further

problems. Around 200 foreign election observers monitored the election but declined immediate comment.

Tweoty-nine parties took

Mr. Bedie easily defeated a minor opposition candidate in the October electioo. He had governed until theo as constitutional successor to Mr. Houphouet-Boigny, who founded the ruling

Ivory Coast bas a population of 14 millioo people but as in the presidential poll the new code denied the vote to migrants from oeighbouring couotries — a departure from polling

Kashmiri Muslim leader appeals for hostages' release

SRINAGAR, India (AFP) - Shabir Shah, the most prominent leader of the Muslim separatist movement in the Indian state of Kashmir, appealed Mooday to the kidnappers of four Western tourists to release the bostages.

"Set the four guests free immediately," Mr. Shah said in this summer capital of the strife-torn oorthern state, addressing the kidnappers through an interview with AFP. "It is inhumane to keep them for such a loog time. "If you (the kidnappers)

are fighting to oust India from Kashmir as you

claim, then let them go in the broader interest of the freedom struggle," he said. Britoos Paul Wells, 23, and Keith Mangan, 33, American Don Hutchings, 42, and German Dirk

Hasert, 26, were kidnapped

hy the previously uoknown

Muslim separatist group Al-Faran while trekking in the Himalayas in early

A fifth Westerner, Norwegian Hans-Christian Ostro, 27, was abducted at the same time and decapitated by the kidnappers in mid-August.

Mr. Sbah's appeal for the immediate release of the bostages came a day after Al-Faran threatened to kill the four unless the Indian government released 15 imprisoned Muslim guer-

The Indian government bas ruled out exchanging any prisocers for the hostages and said a commando-style rescue operation would be too risky.

Kashmir government spokesman Kulbusban Jindiyal also called on the kidnappers Monday to free the hostages, one of whom is reportedly in critical

"We once agaio request the captors to set free the four consideriog the sentimeots of the Kashmiri people and the relatives of the bostages," the spokesman said. "We are still hopeful that

the militants will respond positively to our appeal." he added. Indian authorities believe

that Al-Faran is a front for the Harkat-Ul-Ansar guerrilla outfit, which kidnapped two Britisb trekkers last year and released them unharmed after 17 days.

More than 12,000 people bave died in separatistrelated violence in Kashmir since 1989. India accuses Pakistan of fomenting insurgency in the disputed state but Islamabad denies the allegation.

concerned by Aristide's hazy plans PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) --

U.S. officials expressed coocern about Haiti Sunday following a string of violent outbursts and remarks by Presideot Jean-Bertrand Aristide suggestiog he may not leave office as scheduled in February.

"We're watching with concern some of the developmeots io Haiti," Defeoce Secretary William Perry told the CBS Televisioo programme Face the Nation, "I think the situation in Haiti is ambigious. but I do not consider in any sense that it is unravel-

The Haitian capital bas been rocked by a series of fatal clasbes between police and gangs in recent days, sparking local cooerns about the couotry's fragile democratic institu-

Adding to the uncertainty are lingering doubts whether the Dec. 17 presidential election will take place as scheduled. By law, Mr. Aristide is not allowed

to run for a second term.

When be was returned to power in October 1994 by a U.S.-led multinational force, Mr. Aristide made a promise to U.S. Presideot Bill Clintoo that he would respect the Haitian constitutioo and leave office when his term eoded io Feb. 7, 1996.

Mr. Aristide has given no indication of whether he might try to postpone the presideotial election, but his commeots are likely to stall the campaign. With less than a mooth remaining, there bas been little campaigniog by the 14 declared candidates.

But populist forces are calling on Mr. Aristide to stay another three years in office to make up for the time he spent io exile after a 1991 military coup. Those calls picked up steam last week after delegates at a governmentsponsored conference passed a oon-binding resolutioo urging Mr. Aristide not to step down.

You asked me what I think. I think as you do," Mr. Aristide told bundreds of delegates at the presideotial palace Friday in response to their proposal that he extend his term by three years.

"Nonetheless, the second part of my answer is that I think as do many people wbo are not here ... neither myself oor you make a whole," Mr. Aristide said. Mr. Aristide made it clear

be has not made a final decision on wbether to remain in office and that he would listen to the views of the private sector and political leaders.

Mr. Clinton's National Security Adviser Anthony Lake said he expected Mr. Aristide to keep his oftrepeated pledges to step down in February.

U.S. aides

BUENOS AIRES (R) - bas choseo sioce acknowl-Priocess Diana, having fouod refuge from scandal in Argentina, headed back to Britaio Sunday to face the furore she ignited with revelations of adultery and

secrets of the royals. For four days, the 34year-old Princess of Wales left behind the cootroversy of ber interview last week in which she admitted to an affair with her riding iostructor and questioned the fitness of ber estranged

husband, Prince-Charles, to be king. In Londoo, the media described a beated debate in government about what to do about Princess Diana. But a vast ocean away, the in the country that Britain defeated in the 1982

Falklands War. She luncbed Argentine President Carlos Menem, himself divorced, io the Olivos presidential residence, watched whales off the wind-swept southern wastelands of Patagonia and sipped tea with descendants of Welsh settlers who

arrived 130 years ago. And one of the world's most photographed woman charmed initially indifferent Argentines with her smiles, elegance and charity visits in ber debut in the role of

attacker beld a knife to the

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Ashdown during a fact-

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Monday. The 54-year-old member

of parliameot was investi-

gating allegations of racism

with a local priest in the southwestern English town

of Yeovil late Sunday night

when they were confronted

A police spokesman said

the youths shouted abuse at

by a small gang of youths.

edging she may never be queen. She visited a multitude of

Condom ad involving Diana raises protests

OSLO - An advertisement that used Princess Diana's admission of adultery to pro-

mote condom sales stirred protests from Britain and furious debate in Norway. The

newspaper ad showed a photograph of the British princess, wearing white, on one

page. On the opposite page was the headline: "It's hard to see on the outside whether

someone has had casual sex with casual partners. It happens in the best of families.

One can never be too careful," said the ad for RSU Condoms, published by the Oslo

tabloid Dagbladat Friday. The ad appeared the day after Norwegian television aired a British Broadcasting Corp. interview in which the princess admitted to having been

unfaithful to her husband, Prince Charles. Norwegian newspapers reported Saturday

that Buckingham Palace was furious about the advertisement, which used Princess Diana's picture without permission. "The palace has asked the British embassy in Norway to consider possible reactions," the Oslo newspaper Verdens Gang quoted

palace press officer Charles Anson as saying. The man behind the campaign, Ingebright Steen-Jensen of the JBR agency in Oslo, said the ad was motivated by the

need to promote the use of condoms to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted disease. "As we see it, it was Diana who made her life above and below the belt the No.

1 topic of conversation this week," he said. "She must have known that her statements

would be used commercially around the world." The photograph shows the two-page

Sunday, boarded a helicopter to tour a rebabilitation ceotre for young drug addicts outside Bueoos Crowds never grew very

large to see ber, but her welcome was largely, if oot universally, warm.

One mother of a soldier killed in the Falklands War did, angrily curse Princess Diana, who appeared not to notice. And Falklands veterans in three vehicles briefly protested her visit in Gaiman, a town of 3.000 where Welsh came during priocess appeared at peace the last ceotury seeking a remote bomeland far from

> guistic dominance. Although their oatiooalist roots meant many of the Patagonian Welsh do not recognise Princess Diana as Princess of Wales, most there treated her very polite-

English political and lin-

"I doo't think ordinary people like myself saw ber as the symbol of the government," said Luned Roberts Gonzalez, who teaches Welsb at a school io Gaiman. "We just saw her as a tourist, you know."

Priocess Diana did play goodwill ambassador sbe tourist to watch and laugh at

U.K. MP escapes injury in knife attack

Mr. Ashdown, leader of

Britain's minority Liberal

A group of older men

joined in and one of them

bit Mr. Asbdowo on the

thigh. The man theo drew a

flick knife and put it to the

he managed to calm the

chap down. Uniformed offi-

cers then arrived, they were

threatened but managed to

arrest the man," said the

man had been detained and

Police said a 51-year-old

Threats were made but

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spokesman.

Diana ends refuge from controversy right whales frolick in the Atlantic waters around the

Peninsula Valdes. Sbe returns to face a clinics and, before leaving Buckingbam angered over the televisioo interview last Monday, seeo by 20 million British view-

ers and which contioues to dominate the press. In the interview, Princess Diana signalled ber determioation not to be cast aside like previous royal wives nor let the palace drive her ioto the shadows away from

the ordinary people sbe says sbe loves and for wbom she wants to care. Indeed, one poll after her first solo interview showed 84 per cent of people believed Princess Diana

Back bome, the Sunday Express newspaper said Prime Minister John Major is thinking of giving Princess Diana a role as a roving ambassador to boost British trade.

emerged in a good l

But the Mail On Sunday reported that Foreign Office ministers were worried about giving Princess Diana such a role, fearing she would be a loose cannon wbo could compromise British policy abroad.

Mr. Major's office Sunday dismissed the report of sucb a new role as media specu-

was being questioned about

the incideot, which bigh-

lighted widespread concern

io Britain about crime lev-

Mr. Ashdown, a former

British army commando.

said: "This was a minor

incident and the kind of

thing that people and the

police have to cope with

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in the country. The police

acted very swiftly and efec-

Man sues saving quake reveals builders' secret

токуо (R) — А фай

whose home was hit by the January earthquake in Kobe, western Japan, wons dered wby the new, threestorey building suffered so much damage. On checking the pillars and walls bouse owner Shunichi-Seike said he found they had been put up in 1938. He said he paid 60 million yeo (\$594,000) for the house in 1990 believing it to be brand oew. Mr. Seike, a 37-year-old machinery salesman, filed a 75 million yen (\$742,000) lawsuit Mooday against the builders at Kobe District Court, court officials said. Thousands of buildings were toppled in the Jan. 17 earthquake, which killed more than 6,000 people. It was Japan's worst earthquake disaster since 1923.

Chinese star loses state-supported post

BELJING (AP) --- Pop star Wei Wei has been dis-

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missed from ber state-supported position with the Ceotral Dance and Singing Troupe because she broke rules and isn't sorry, a Chinese newspaper reported Monday. Wei Wei, who bas sold millions of albums io Chioa, bas beeo reported to be learning English and prepariog to make a bid for international fame. She bas beeo iovited to perform at the Olympics in Atlanta next year. The report in the Beijing Youth Daily said Wei Wei kept 100,000 yuan (\$12,000), balf the ticket sales from two concerts in Sbenzhen last year, when she should have shared it with the 80 people involved in the concert The newspaper noted that was 10 times the annual salary of a top-level per-former in China. It also said she gave performances. in Shanghai and Cauton without permission. The report did not specify whether other rules were broken. It said sbe did not believe she had done anything wroog and objected to the troupe's attempts to discipline ber. Wei Wei is married to American composer and pianist Michael Smith and spends part of ber time in the United States.

Bulging crotch yields lingerie trove in Manila

MANILA (R) — A suspicious bulge in the crotch gave a Filipino sbopper away. Twenty-year-old Norbin Soler was inching his way out of a Manila department store when security guards ooticed an unnatural swell in his crotch and grabbed him, police said. A search of the suspicious area yielded five different styles of brassieres worth more than 1,000 pesos (\$38), they said. Soler is being held on theft charges.

Beatles return with secret messages

LONDON (AP) - Kcab

era seltaeb ebt. The Beatles are back — backwards? Nearly three decades after fans thought Paul was dead, a BBC producer said the three surviving Beatles are again recording secret messages backwards into a soog. Simon Clifford said he heard John Leonon say "turned out nice again." backwards at the end of the Beatles reunioo number Free As A Bird. Clifford first noticed the phrase while watching the video, which concludes with a man in 1940s dress mounting a stage and playing a ukulele. The song closes with a ukulele. George Formby, a popular ukuleleplaying music hall comedian from England's north --like the Beatles - used to end his act with the phrase, "turned out nice again." Formby died in 1961: "I regard it as being very spooky, almost like a sublimical message to fans," Clifford told listeners.

Yeltsin moves to sanatorium

area some 20 kilometres

President Boris Yeltsio left bospital for a sanatorium Monday after a month of treatment for a heart complaiot, spokesman Sergei Medvedev said. But Medvedev refused to

he drawn on whether Yeltsin, who remains under medical supervision at Barvikha Sanatorium, would be fit to campaign for Dec. 17 parliamentary elections that now dominate the Russian political landscape. Asked if Mr. Yeltsin

would still be in the sanatorium on polling day, Mr. Medvedev replied: "That's a question you bave to ask the doctors. Mr. Medvedev said by

telephone that Mr. Yeltsin.

64, had moved to Barvikha

Sanatorium, in a wooded

west of Moscow. "The president will be staying at Barvikha until he is completely well," he said. Mr. Yeltsin was flown to hospital by helicopter on Oct. 26 after a second mild

heart attack in less than four months. Aides had said they expected the recovery to be slower this time. On the last occasion he spent two weeks in bospital and two in the Barvikha

Sanatorium before returning to face the election fray. Communists and their conservative allies, bitterly opposed to Mr. Yeltsin, currently top the opinion polls in the election for the State Duma lower house. A Kremlin analysis forecasts

But Russia's stroog presideotial system means the Communists may not be able to make many political and economic changes, even if they do well in the parliamentary poll.

A presidential election is due next June and it is not yet clear if Mr. Yeltsin will

Before this illness, Mr. Yeltsin bad appealed to Russians not to vote for the Communists. But be has made few comments about the election from his hospital room, where he has signed documents and held a series of meetings with aides and top officials.

Aides had said earlier that they expected Mr. Yeltsin to that the Communists will stay in hospital until the end win around 14 per cent of of November.

The Tigers meanwhile

called on the few Tamils in

the armed forces to resign

eastern Amparai district

said Tamils in the armed

forces had so far ignored

serve in the military, resi-

"We cannot forgive you

The posters did not say

what the rebels would do to

those who ignored their

warning. Rebel Voice of Tigers

radio, said five civilians

died in air and artillery

strikes in Vadamarachehi

and Tenmarachehi in the

eastern half of the Jaffna

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by Realers in Vavuniya, the

northernmost town under

A military spokesman said

he had no information on

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Meanwhile Tamil rebel

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Sri Lankan rebels trapped

in Jaffna call for help

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Shiff rebel resistance and

the loss of several transport

planes to Tiger fire and

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offensive and the evacua-

tion of casualties, military

The LTTE, observing Heroes Day 10 honour

rebels killed in the war,

pledged to defend Jaffna

with suicide squads to

ensure the army paid a

heavy price for the capture

strongly, our suicide squads

are standing by," Siva-

gnanum Karikalan, deputy

political leader of the

Tigers, told Reuters in an

interview at his beadquar-

He said the rebel suicide

squads would be pressed

into service to defend Jaffna

City, seen by the LTTE as

the heart of a homeland they

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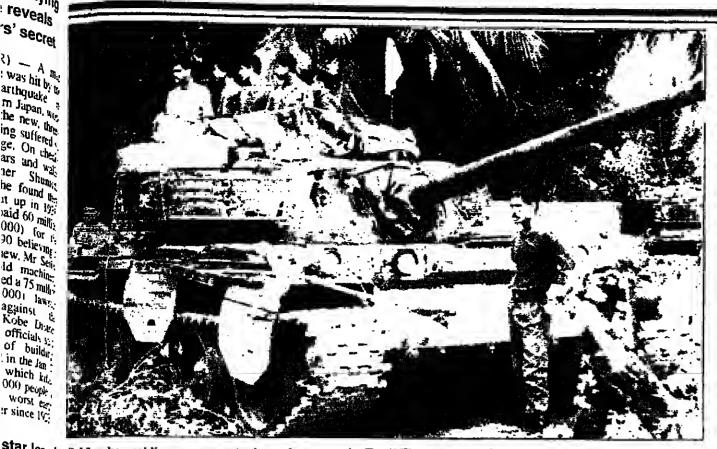
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"We are detending it

of their spiritual capital.

troops, he added.

sources said.



Star | OSE | Sri Lunkan soldiers prepare a tank to advance on the Tamil Tiger guerrillas in the northern Jaffna peninsula (AFP

Scores of Rwandan exiles detained in Kenya

NAIROBI (R) - Kenya international tribunal due to night and Saturday and have escaped the roundup, has detained scores of Rwandan Hutu exiles who fled here after last year's genocide and civil war, community leaders said.

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Innocent Butare, a Hutu refugee leader, estimated that about 60 people were arrested Friday and Saturday and were being held in Nairobi police sta-

Apart from two bishops, it appeared that the most prominent exiles - members of the furmer regime blamed for the genocide of up to one million Tutsis and allied Hutus -- either slipped the net or were not wanted by Kenyan police. headquarters

declined to comment about the swoop and the Foreign Ministry said it was in the

Commissioner of Police Shadrack Kiroki did not deny the "operation was going ahead but declined to comment on it. "I will be issuing no statement on the matter," he told Reuters.

The ringleaders of the

early next year. Exiles are nervously waiting to hear which names are on the first list of indictments which was signed last week. Some Rwandan exiles

said the raids began last Thursday in Nairobi's Kawangware and Koma Rock townships and then spread to the affluent areas of Kilimani and Kilelesbwa.

"In Kawangware alone, over 70 people were arrested, mainly males. They (police) came in the night and picked up all Rwandan men in the township. They told us nothing, they just arrested them," said one Rwandan woman who only agreed to be identified as Beatrice.

But Mr. Butare, leader of a group claiming to repre-sent two million Hutu. refugees in Africa, said about 60 were detained.

"I bave just toured some of the police stations with lawyers and seen about 25

of them. They were picked up

start sitting in Tanzania were told they will be questioned today," he said. Mr. Butare told Reuters

detainees were Rwandans apart from a couple of Burundians and all came to Kenya last year and this year. He said some longstanding members of the Rwandan community in Kenya were arrested but quickly released.

"We have no idea yet why they were arrested and none bas been charged so far," Mr. Butare, of the Rally For the Return of Refugees and Democracy in Rwanda (RDR), said.

Among those detained in Nairobi was Bishop Adoniah Sebununguri, former dean of the Anglican Church in Rwanda. He was later released because of his advanced age but told that police would question him later, church sources said.

Rwanda's Protestant and Catholic hierarchy are accused by the new govern-ment in Kigali of doing nothing to stop the killings. Other

with police finding only children and weeping wives in ntany homes.

Agathe Hahyarimana, widow of the late Rwandan president, as well as exministers and senior army officers, had vanished by the time the operation got underway, exile sources said. They believed she had gone to Zaire.

Kenya has repeatedly been forced to define and clarify its position on the Nuremburg-style since President Daniel Arap Moi said in early October

Kenya would not cooperate. Earlier this month the tribunal's chief prosecutor, Judge Richard Goldstone, was assured by Kenyan authorities he had their full support despite misgivings about the tribunal's mandate.

Last week Kenyan Foreign Minister Kalonzo Musyoka said his government would not be tipping off any likely suspects and prominent would prevent any from genocide will be tried by an from their bornes Friday Rwandan exiles seemed to fleeing the country.

Philippine talks open with hope despite violence

JAKARTA (R) — Talks Philippine Armed Forces issues separate us from militants and MNLF veter-between the Philippine gov- are saturating every part of finally achieving an agree- ans, are also outside the ernment and Muslim rebels opened in Indonesia Monday with bopes of peace perched alongside threats of further violence in the conn-

try's sonthern provinces. The peace talks, the third hosted by Indonesia are aimed at onding a 23-year revolt led by the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) for Muslim selfrule in the south

Philippines. "The situation is both bright and grim," Nur Misuari, MNLF chairman and a former university professor, told reporters after the opening ceremony.

"It is bright because we have already accomplished more than 98 per cent of the work," Mr. Misnari said.

The tentative programme for the five-day meeting distributed by host Indonesta has a signing agreement scheduled Friday afternoon on the last day of

"We say it is grim and

the Moro homeland and preparing for war," Mr. Misuari added.

Earlier, in a lengthy and passionate opening speech, Mr. Misuari accused the Philippine Armed Forces of repeated violations of an existing ceasefire agreement in the southern Mindanao Island, 800 kilometres south of Manila.

But Manuel Yan, Manila's bead of delegation, brusbed aside the problems saying they had been referred to an existing ceasefire commit-

Instead, be maintained an optimistic note set in his opening address in which he said the global momentum could not be avoided in the South East Asia.

He said much had been achieved in lower level talks since the parties last formally met in Jakarta in September 1994. We can demonstrate sub-

stanual achievement since our second round of talks last year and only very few

ment," Mr. Yan later told reporters.

We have come here to try to close the gap which separates us in those very few remaining contentious issues," he said, adding peace talks would continue if there was no agreement. The talks have been over-

shadowed by a threat of extremist violence following a large explosion in Zamboanga, the capital of Mindanao, hours before they opened.

Mr. Misuari's leadership of the Moro Muslim minority has been challenged by three factions, primarily the Moro Islamie Liberation Front (MILF), considered by Manila potentially more dangerous than the MNLF.

"Once we get real autonomy here I am sure we can get them to cooperate with us," Mr. Misuari said.

Two smaller groups, the Ahu Sayyaf fundamentalisis and the National Islamic Command Council, com-

Officials have said raids like that carried out jointly by Abu Sayyaf and the Islamic Command in April on the Christian town of lpil, in which 53 largely unarmed civilians were killed, are expected to con-

tinue if the talks fail. Mr. Misuari himself said the situation may worsen if the parties failed to come up with a peace agreement.

"If we don't get it, not only Abu Sayyaf, the Islamic Command Council (and) the MILF, but even the MNLF rank and file I'm sure will break ranks and make a choice of war wbieb will not be good for our people," be said.
The MNLF launched a

Muslim secessionist uprising in mainly Catholic Philippines in 1972, but has at the Jakaria talks, inter-

posed of young Muslim because the

SEOUL (R) — South Korean riot police threw a protective cordon around the homes of former presidents Rob Tae-Woo and Chun Doo Hwan Monday to block militant students seeking to storm the resi-

About 500 students armed j. Clifford with rocks and iron bars ne phrase the videa tried to fight their way to the luxury residences 's with through ranks of riot police who fired volleys of tear

playing a playing George The students have vowed to step up intimidation of y ukukit the former presidents for Il control their roles in the brutal mils north itary suppression of a 1980 - Used to Popular rebellion against he phrise. martial law in the southern again. 1

city of Kwangjo. Execute Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Tae-Woo." chanted the students, many of them from Kwangju. One student leader told

formed to try to make citizens' arrest of Mr. Chan and is already in custody for confessing he maintained a slush fund during his

manding President Kim Young-Sam set up a special prosecution team to investigate the Kwangju tragedy in which almost 200 people died according to official

revolt followed a 1979 military coup led by then army Major-Generals Chun and

The students clashed with riot police outside Yonsei University in western Seoul near the homes of Mr. Roh

Monday's protest was the

Democratic Liberal Party to draft a special law to punish Mr. Rob. Mr. Roh, however, his two predecessors for crushing the revolt.

central Seoul Saturday demanding Mr. Kim implehas also been a demand of

Meanwhile, prosecutors Monday raced against a ruption scandal.

Mr. Roh, 62, was arrested and detained on Nov. 16 for allegedly accepting more than \$300 million from big businesses during his 1988-

Asked if the prosecution would indict Mr. Rob be indicted or freed, senior prosecutor Ahn Kang-Min told reponers: "Yes. That's why we are in a burry now".

Prosecutors, now in the final stage of their probes into Mr. Roh's slush funds, have said they are considering charging 24 conglomerates, including the country's top four, with bribery.

Mr. Chun has kept a low profile since surfacing in public in 1990 from a twoyear self-imposed domestic exile in a Buddhist monastery. He also admitted to corruption during his

The opposition Democratic Party Monday called for the resignation of all politicians and government officials responsible for the Kwangju massacre, President Kim has made

elear only those at the very

top will face charges.

since moderated its claim to one of autonomy after the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), mediator

arms issue.

Britain backed down.

since Northern Ireland found a fragile peace 15 months ago after the IRA silenced the guns it had used to fight British rule in a gesture to win Sinn Fein's entry into the political

Mr. Adams's warning

The newspaper said

Ireland conflict.

Ireland would hold preparatory talks with all parties with a view to convening an

nicket to the talks.

The army used tanks to between troops and the sep-leader Velupillai Prabhakaran Monday admitted the army may take his stronghold of Jaffna but said the door to peace would be immediately and support closed as long as troops

them in their decisive battle occupied the town. They may boist the Rebel posters which flug...and light firecrackers appeared overnight in the but we want to express one town of Akkaraipauu in the thing," the shadowy leader of the LTTE told Voice of Tigers radio. "As long as the Sn . Lankan Armed Tarni Tiger demands not to Forces occupy Jaffna, the door to peace talks will always remain tigbtly shut."

Mr. Prabhakaran, speaking in a broadcast heard in the northern governmentruled town of Vavoniya. said the LTTE had not been "terribly weakened" in the current offensive and the military had lost more men

than the rebels. The military puts its own death toll at about 300 since the launch of the offensive, codenumed Operation Riviresa, on Oct. 17 and says the rebels have lost

more than 1,600 men. "The war for Jaffna 1s only a temporary setback, Mr. Prabhakaran said. ...From this selback we these attacks but added that will reach victory."

He appealed to 'young men and women to join our ranks" in the war which has

Britain cool on new Irish peace proposals

LONDON (R) — Britain reacted coolly Monday to new Irish proposals aimed at breaking a deadlock in the Northern Ireland peace process ahead of a keenly awaited vist by U.S.

Tiger guerrillas have called

for reinforcements for a

final stand in Jaffna City

against Sri Lankan troops

blasting through the booby-

trapped urban maze with

tanks, the military said

At least 55 guerrillas and

12 soldiers were killed

Sunday as rebel defenders,

trapped inside the lown by

an army pincer movement

last week, put up stiff resis-

tance, a military spokesman

He said commandos and

airborne troops spearhead-

ing the latest thrust to cao-

ture Jaffna resumed their

advance into the heart of

town at dawn Monday,

moving carefully through a

maze of mines and booby

sions indicated the terrorists

trapped inside Jaffna City

are calling for medical

assistance and reinforce-

The radio traffic moni-

tored by the army also indi-

cated the Liberation Tigers

of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)

fighters were running short

"The terrorists, from pre-

pared defensive positions

with overhead cover,

offered heavy resistance,"

of ammunition, be said.

ments," he said.

"(Rebel radio) transmis-

Monday.

President Bill Clinton. Irisb Prime Minister John Bruton, anxious for a breakthrough before Mr. Clinton arrives in Belfast Thursday, sent his British counterpart John Major new ideas Sunday to try to solve the problem of disarming IRA

But British government officials said that the plans did not amount to a significant advance and that efforts to arrange a meeting between Mr. Bruton and Mr. Major to break the impasse before Mr. Clinton's visit had been abandoned.

The Daily Telegraph quoted an unnamed British official as saying Dublin had advanced a "Sinn Fein prospectus".

The search for a permanent peace bas been bogged down by Britain's insistence Republican and Protestant guerrillas hand over their weapons before the start of all-party talks on a political settlement. The Daily Telegraph, quoting British government

sources, said Dublin was "looking for a fudge" on the

Dublin appeared to be supporting demands by Sinn Fetn, the Irisb Republican Army's political wing, that Bridsh army and police weapons should be included in any handover of arms.

oams said at the weekend that a new round of violence in a conflict that cost 3,200 lives was inevitable unless It was his gravest forecast reviewed disarmament.

"I do think it (a return to conflict) is inevitable unless we start talking....because all of the causes of conflict... remain," Mr. Adams said in British radio inter-

coincided with reports that British intelligence believed a 15-month-old ceasefire by the IRA and its pro-British extremist Protestant foes might break because of the

diplomatic deadlock. Mr. Bruton's letter to Mr. Major contained new language in a bid to enable the two countries to adopt a socalled twin-track approach to solving the Northern

Under this, Britain and all-party conference while an international panel

Mr. Bruton told Britain tersely last week that this would not work if Britain continued to demand a token surrender of arms and explosives as the price for a

Britain says the province's majority Protestant Unionist politicians, who want Northern Ireland to remain part of Britain, will not take part in these talks unless they know their ideological foes have been disarmed.

Meunwhile Clinton hopes to help revive Northern Ireland's peace process when he visits the province this week but aides insist the man who took on the problems of Bosnia and the Middle East bas no

panacea. "The visit was not designed to solve the Irish problem." William Crowe, the U.S. ambassador to Britain, said in an interview,

"Our job is to keep pusbing and to keep plugging, the retired admiral added "But please don't expect bim to pull any rabbits out of hats -- it's not that kind

Mr. Clinton Thursday will become the first serving U.S. president to visit Northern Ireland, on a trip that begins in London Wednesday and ends in Dublin Friday.

Mr. Clinton had voiced hopes earlier this year that all-party peace talks would be under way before his visit but persistent differences over guerrilla disarmament bave stailed

Burma warns opposition over political speeches

The Burmese government Monday warned that the opposition would be held responsible for any unrest stemming from political speeches nimed at breeding 'hatred and animosity'

towards the junta. An editorial in the official New Light Of Myanmar newspaper said that poliucal speeches made by the opposition were "extreme views ... expressed to breed hatred and animosity

against the government." The article, although it did not mentioo her by name, was referring to opposition leader Aung San Sun Kyi's weekly addresses to supporters outside her home since her release from house

arrest on July 10. "If this goes on, a number of persons, maybe by the hundreds or maybe by the thousands will be pervened," it said, before asking if the opposition could guarantee that law and order

would not be breached. It added that this "slander-National lakeside Rangoon home.

a threat Wednesday by Mrs. bouse arrest.

ities should warn the conoccurs as a result of your instigations ... you are all

The junta has not prevenied Ms. Suu Kvi from making her weekly addresses, usually on democratic themes, to crowds of up to 2,000 people despite laws banning assembly of more making of political speech-

constitution for Burma but that her party would attend

the opening. "I am not involved in the National Convention as an individual," the 50-year-old secretary general of the League for Democracy (NLD) party told Reuters Monday at her

Ms. Suu Kyi was freed unconditionally by the ruling military.junta in July after serving six years of 'The NLD will be attend-

whether to participate in the process. Ms. Suu Kyi had previ-

ously threatened that the NLD would boycon the convention if it continued in an "undemocratic" manner. Nearly 700 delegates, mostly hand-picked by Burma's ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), will assemble Tuesday for the fifth session of the convennon, which has been meeting sporadically since January 1993 to draft guide-

lines for a new constitution. Many diplomats had hoped Ms. Suu Kyi and the NLD would make a definitive statement on its participation before the opening.

They said if the party does not make a decision, it could be playing the game advocated by the SLORC, which is hoping Ms. Suu Kvi will be forgotten or dismissed as ineffective if nothing comes of her repeated hut unanswered calls for dialogue.

In previous constitutional talks, some NLD members and other "elected representatives' participated in a very limited way, making up only about 15 per cent of the total delegates to the convention.

Aye Maung, a member of the National Convention Convening Committee, said Monday only the people who had previously been appointed as delegates

process. Ms. Sun Kyi said the NLD feels the convention as it stands is not democratic.

"We do not think the National Convention in its present form is going to help achieve either national reconciliation or multi-party democracy or a constitution that people can support and trust," she said. - Ms. Suu Kyi, who previ-

vention process a "sham" said the NLD had always felt frustrated by the lack of democracy in the constitution-writing process. "The form of National Convention needs to be changed so that it's a gener-

ously had called the con-

al National Convention." she said. When asked about diplomats' comments that she was being unusually provocative with her outright criticism of the convention process, Ms. Suu Kyi said the party felt it was time to make its views

"The NLD has always protested against it, but (protests) have always gone unheeded and unheard. So we had to take it one step further and make our objec-

tions public," she said. The constitution as it stands calls for the military to bold a controlling stake in the country's govern-

S. Korea students try to storm ex-presidents' homes

tenure. Some students are de-

counts. The 10-day Kwangju

> and Mr. Chun. first violent demonstration

Reuters a team had been week ordered his ruling

More than 1,000 people staged a peaceful march in ment bis decision immediately and form a special prosecution team, which the opposition.

Dec. 5 deadline to indict Mr. Roh on bribery charges in the country's biggest cor-

93 presidency. since President Kim last before the actual deadline.

ous group" had criticised "without any reasoning" the junta's showcase National Convention, which reconvenes Tuesday to draw up a new constitution for Burma. It was the first reference to

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) that it could boycott the convention as it was "totally unacceptable" to the people of Burma in its present form.

RANGOON (Agencies) — using a pseudonym, sug-The Burmese government gested that Burmese author-party would then decide process. cemed party that if "any riot

> entirely responsible." Ms. Suu Kyi and the NLD have come under constant indirect attack in editorials in the official press, but analysts bere say Monday's editorial was one of the most blunt

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ing the opening ceremony tomorrow to find out what the National Convention The writer of the editorial, convening comminee has to

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Frame for new picture

ALTHOUGH THERE is a standing tradition: that the Arab country that hosts the Arab League would have one of its nationals compy the sent of its secretary general, we think this de facto policy calls for reconsideration. Egypt has just renominated Esmat Abdul Meguid for a second term after his cerrent term ends in May. Dr. Abdul Maguid is certainly a very qualified man who has served the Arab League well during his term of office and there is nothing personal about our proposal that other Arab nationals he considered for the post.

To begin with, we think it is totally wrong to have the host country occupy the highest post of the league for all times. We contend that it would be infinitely fairer to give way to a national from outside the host state to become the next secretary general of the Arab organisation. The United Nations is seated in New York but that did not mean that its secretary general should be from the United States. The same applies to seats of other regional and international organisations where the host country does not monogodise the highest office. Given the fact that the permanent seat of the Arab League will erguably always be in Egypt, assigning the Readership post of the organisation to an Egyptian would necessarily mean that Cairo would monopolise the post forever.

Some of the problems of the League, and they are many, are due to the absence of new blood in the Arab institution. Many of its officials have been there for much too long. There is hardly a turnover when it comes to sensitive posts. What makes the incumbency of Dr. Abdul Meguid even more controversial is his wait-and-see policy towards Arab reconciliation. Rather than seek and pursue an all-out effort towards this goal, Dr. Abdul Meguid has been advocating an altitude of patience where the clouds of the Gulf war are allowed to stay in the atmosphere until such time when they can disappear all by them-

The history of the Arab League thus far calls for more assertive policies vis-a-vis Arab reconciliation as well as for new rules and guidelines with a view to assuring a more equitable distribution of responsibilities. Above all, we believe that the post of secretary general should become rotational among Arab countries. This principle could be enacted in the charter of the league when it comes up for review as has been widely

Arabic Press commentaries

AL RA'I Arabic daily Monday described the Euro-Mediterranean conference in Barcelona as part of the world community's open backing for development in the Mediterranean basin and support for the Middle East peace process. Delegates from 27 Arab and European countries involved in the meetings are bound to discuss mechanisms for common partnerships in economic, social and political fields and the prospect of creating a free trade zone by the year 2010, said the paper. Jordan, which was instrumental in paving the ground for the conference through its contacts with European nations and through constructive and practical proposals listed on the agenda, stands to benefit from the meeting economically and inancially because the Europeans are planning to allocate billions of dollars for their future partnership agreements with the countries in the Mediterranean zone, according to the daily. It is hoped, said the paper, that the conference will yield fruitful results that would contribute to enhancing peace and security in the Mediterranean zone on the one hand and help finance the infrastructure of a more presperous future for its people on the other.

DESPITE THE lapse of several months since the start of the current scholastic year, some schools in the remote and co-called less fortunate regions of Jordan lack basic. requirements, said a writer in Al Dustour. Mohammad Daoud pointed out that these schools still lack sufficient numbers of teachers while the school buildings are in bad need for repair. The different government departments never lose an opportunity to hold seminars or workshops to tackle different issues of concern to the public, but so far none has been held to deal with the chronic problem of schools in less fortunate regions, said the writer. The Ministry of Education, said the writer, bears the prime responsibility for this situation because it has been entrusted with the task of providing the basic requirements for education in the country.

The View from Fourth Circle

By Rami G. Khouri

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The Euros, the Meds and our ancient civilisational schoolhouse

THE TWO-DAY Euro-Mediterranean conference which THE TWO-DAY Euro-Mediterranean conference which started Monday in Barcelona, Spain, will receive uninspired coverage in the Middle Eastern and European mass media. This is probably understandable (in view of the large number of conferences, summits, jamborees and global love fests that we are subjected to these days), but also unfortunate, because the Barcelona gathering represents a rare historic event.

The Barcelona meeting of foreign ministers is important at one level because it tackles a wide range of absolutely crucial issues for the future well-being of Europe and the

crucial issues for the future well-being of Europe and the Mediterranean - economics, trade, military, and other forms of security, drugs, immigratinn, political culture, and many others. Its approach is ambitious and comprehensive, yet also realistic, sensitive and patient. This Euro-Mediterranean endeavour seeks to promote nothing less than civilisational partnership, economic complementarity, and collective national security — i.e. it seeks both to overcome history's problems and to influence future

history.

The peoples of Europe and the Mediterranean world have been locked in a historical embrace almost since the dawn of recorded history, when Early Bronze Age traders moved goods such as ivory, dyes and seashells between the northern and eastern rims of the Mediterranean. For about 2500 years, Europeans and Middle Easterners have been alternately occupying and learning from one another — perhaps the single most sustained, energetic and mutually rewarding dynamic of cross-cultural fertilisation in all human history. Twice in the last two millennia, Middle Easterners ruled Europe's peripheries (the Balkans and Spain/France) and tried unsuccessfully to penetrate the interior. Three times in the same period (the Roman Empire, the Crusaders and 18th century colonialism) European imperial armies conquered Middle Eastern lands and stayed, as rulers, for centuries.

There is much blood spilled between Europe and the Mediterranean, but also much science, ethics and law exchanged between them. Each of us represents to the other an inescapable, frightening historical ghost, a nemesis long slayed but, for some reason, still feared. We also represent to each another a continuing source of material well-being, even of spiritual and cultural renewal. We are destined, by the defining dictates of geographic proximity, to remain locked in our ancient embrace of mutual encroachment and enrichment; but, we now realise that we can manage this relationship in a more constructive manner, so that we move from mere physical proximity to more active socio-economic partnership.

It is important to keep in mind three cardinal points that hang over this endeavour like a sword ready to fall down and kill it: a) the Euro-Arab Dialogue of the 1970s that died because it primarily reflected a transparent European desire to cash in on the post-1973 Arab oil bonanza; h) the tendency by some distraught Middle Eastern states to seek salvation by blindly imitating European values and sys-

tems, as Turkey. Iran and Egypt tried to do in the 19th century without much success; and, c) the desire by some in Europe to disengage fully from mass immigration, drugs, alienated cultures and other threats emanating from troubled lands to the south, by erecting impenetrable political cultural and economic barriers political, cultural and economic barriers.

To their credit, all involved in the Barcelona conference have adopted a more comprehensive, positive and integrated approach to Euro-Med relations. In the economic field, the conference aims for nothing less than a Euro-Mediterranean free trade area by the year 2010 — a development of incalculably positive impact on both sides if it materialises. There are parallel grand aims in shared political principles and values, security, culture, com-munications, education and other important sectors of life.

Perhaps most impressive of all is the spirit of this endeavour — a spirit of equal partnership between the two.
principal groups of countries. This is a logical consequence of our memories and our parallel sense of humility in the face of time; both of us realise that history takes you up to the top of the list of nations and then drops you down to close to the bottom, only to nudge you up again in due course. We realise that power is transient, that Europe and the Mediterranean states can best assure their future well-being by working together on the basis of the only other durable phenomenon that they have always shared along with their frontiers - what the Paris-based Moroccan scholar Mobammad Arkoun refers to as the "legacy of humanism" that has always defined the relationship be-tween the countries of the Mediterranean.

The elements of humanism are very much visible in the proceedings of the Barcelona meeting including concepts such as democracy, phiralism, religious tolerance, personal improvement, and mutually satisfying inter-cultural exchanges. Despite the wide gaps that separate Euro and Med societies in terms of technology, per capita income or political cultures, they share a more profound tradition of humanistic societies that are at once progressive yet bumane, productive yet egalitarian, innovative yet stable

and respectful of tradition.

I would argue that even though the United States and Japan today are more technologically advanced or commercially vibrant than Europe or the Mediterranean world, they are well behind the Euro-Med cultures in terms of the totality of humanistic values — values that combine the dignity of the human spirit, body and mind with the material pleasures of modern consumer society. Is it because we look to the USA, Japan, Taiwan and other cultures and glimpse what the future may hold that we in Europe and the Mediterranean basin reach out to one another to build a human community that avoids the future's excesses while building on the past's successes?

The idea of building a common Euro-Med ethic of nation-building and intra-regional cooperation for the collective good is so audacious as to be naive, almost

foolhardy. But it is not so strange, I would suggest, in view of the long history of mutual colonisation and domination of the two principal parties to the endeavour. European, Mediterranean and Middle Eastern expansionism (Rome, Egypt, Greece, Persia, Assyria, Ottomania, and many others) define the single most important historical process of the last several millennia — colonialism. Therefore, the Euros and the Meds today may be attempting nothing less than a decolonisation of the ethic of intra-regional interaction — a declaration that colonialism may be part of our historical legacy, but that it should not be part of our future horizons. The reason for this simple: colonial domination is unacceptable and unsustainable according to today's human ethic (the fact that it was once acceptable to both the Euros and the Meds during their respective humanistic jamborees is a nagging problem of history more than a reason for us to get sidetracked from our new, serious, pleasant mission).

The statements and aspirations of the Barcelona initiative are couched in such egalitarian and sensitive language that I find it hard to believe that this is neither a cruel trick nor a fantastic dream. I suspect it is an important, potentially historic initiative launched by neighbours who have finally appreciated that there is more to be gained from respecting than from ruling the neighbours. We are not only altruistic, though. We are driven by darker

The Euros and the Meds are worried folks, fearful of neighbouring threats, lured by neighbouring temptations. Some on both sides occasionally even consider recolonisation as a possible response to the dangers of fragmentation, collapse and mass emigration in some fragile southern lands. The sensible majority, however, is more astute, more attend to the lessons of history and the promises of genuine humanism

This is not only a chance for Euros and Meds to interact on a rational basis for their own future well-being; it is also an opportunity — once again — for the sensible people of Europe and the Mediterranean to set an example of mature nationhood for the rest of the world. Colonial aggrandizement is out of fashion, and globalisation is not yet firmly rooted as a problem-solving technique. Regionalism and contiguous inter-regional cooperation seem promising candidate for a new means of addressing common transnational problems in an effective manner.

The fact that this occurs in Spain is appropriate to the point of pan-millennial drama: the Iberian land that experienced the best and worst of Middle Eastern/ European interaction in the medieval Islamie era, that gave birth to the modern nation-state in the 15th century, and that helped launch the armada of vexing European colonialism now bosts a modern bid to learn from the lessons of the past, for the purpose of building a better future. Once again, Spain is our teacher, and the entire Mediterranean world our schoolhouse.

Voters register a loss of faith in extremes

The results of this month's presidential elections in Algeria offer hope that a middle way can be found, writes David Hirst

THE DEADLIEST operation carried out by Groupes Islamiques Armes (GIA), the extreme wing of Algeria's fundamentalist insurgency, was their attempt to blow up the police head-quarters in Algiers early

It involved a degree of self-sacrificing heroism that a top PLO diplomat in Algiers found impressive. When, he said, the Palestinians' Hamas send their men on suicide missions they can spare only one "martyr" at a time. But Islamists in Algeria noncha-lantly muster three. "One drove the suicide vehicle," he said, "another pressed the button — and the third shouted their indispensable cry 'God is Great' just be-fore he died."

It seems to be temperamentally Algerian, this readines. ... go to extremes. But while such self-sacrifice might command respect if it is noble in purpose, it loses it if it is not. The presidential elections show that, if some Algerians once thought it was noble, the great majority no longer

The extremists began their campaign of violence soon after the armybacked regime, in January 1992, reneged on three years of political "liberalisation". cancelling parliamentary elections and thereby denying the broad Islamist ement, from which the GIA later grew, a legitimate, essentially peaceful road to power.

The police headquarters bombing went badly wrong, but even if it hadn't, even it had blown up its intended target, instead of killing 42 bystanders, the selfsacrificing heroism would no longer have redeemed it in people's eyes.

The terror, said El Waten newspaper recently, "has been a terror that kills the doctor and the journalist, the civil servant and the teacher, which, worse still, slits children's throats and

violates women even as it promises paradise to the hundreds whom it has managed to enlist."

Like most of the press, El Watan is strongly anti-Islamist. And it is clear from conversations with ordinary people that it is not just a verdict of "intellectuals", even though intellectuals, as one of the terrorists' chosen targets, have grounds for reaching

More than the GIA's barbarous deeds, perhaps, the words that accompany them have really shocked - the open, unabashed call, for example, for killing not just the "renegades" who work for "the godless state", but the "wives, sisters and daughters of renegades", too. Such blood-curdling excess, plus all manner of paritanical prohibitions which, Iranian-style, the GIA seeks to impose, have proved just what a fear-some, totalizarian, joyless, and above all ignorant uto-pia their state, would be. It, seems to be the general intuitive grasp of this that accounts for presidential election results that have surprised even the regime

In the 1992 parliamentary elections, the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) won about a third of the vote. And that third included not only the committed Islamists themselves, but a great many "portest" voters who, at that time, admired them for the blows they were dealing to a wholly discredited regime, and did not stop to think too long about the kind of regime they might put in its place.

But three years on they have stopped to think. Three-quarters of the electorate voted this month. The election was far from ideal. The two main secular parties, no lightweights, urged a boycott of the election on the legitimate grounds that there can be no real democracy unless all the representative forces

in the political arena can partake in it. Army and police daily violate human

None the less, the size of the turn-out was at least as important as who it was for, and the fact is that more people voted in these admittedly flawed presidential elections than they did in the untrammelled par-liamentary ones in 1992. In doing so, they sent the powerful message which some within the regime were rightly confident they would: that they now reject the Islamist movement, or at least the extremist course it has taken since they voted for it three years ago.

But that doesn't mean they voted for the regime. It simply means that, for the voters, there are two extremes. They rejected the first in the 1992 parliamentary elections. That was the extremism of the regime itself, whose misdeeds they deem to have spawned the second (the Islamists), which they have now, in turn, repudiated.

The regime's extremism

is that of its inner core, its

cabal of generals who have dominated it since inde-pendence in 1962. They are mysterious and largely in-visible, but they are univer-sally regarded as a pri-vileged caste, deeply cor-rupt, despotic, violent and manipulative. First behind the facade of one-party socialism and then of the political and economic liberalisation that supposedly "corrected" it, they are held ultimately to blame

for all the socio-economic

woes on which Islamic violence has thrived. Since that violence arose, the socalled "cradicators" among the generals - those who seek a strictly "security" solution, not a "political" one — have been in the ascendancy. Extremes meet, and in a sense, the terror has actually been a godsend for them, because it enabled them to present themselves as a "last rampart" against a popular insurgency that frightened powerful vested interests besides themselves, and indeed a good many honest "democrats" too.

The convergence of interests between two extremes seems so selfevident to many Algerians that, in their belief, the terror has been the handiwork not merely of the GIA, but of the security services which infiltrated it.

So, emphatically, it was not for the regime that the people voted. It was first for the principle of free choice. Second, it was for the "rupture" which all four candidates promised. Rupture, the commonest word in Algeria's political voca-bulary, is shorthand for a total break with all that is rotten in the regime.

There are two reasons why they think Mr. Zeroual is the man for the rupture. One is that he is not only widely seen as the "best" of the generals, but as honest and sincere too. The other is that, being a product of the system, he knows best how to dismantle it.

He is a man of the middle

way. It will be far from easy for him, in taking on the system, to woo the "reconcilers" away from the "cradicators" and the powerful, indeed demonstrably malevolent, vested interests which will be penalised with them. And it won't be much easier for him to woo the relative moderates of the Islamist movement from the extremists who have proved as ready to turn on their moderates as, in the opposite camp, eradicators have on reconcilers. But in saying a plague on both their honses, and exorcising the extremist demons which, if the PLO diplomat is right, have a place in every Algerian soul, the people have made it much easier for him.

The Guardian

For a lasting peace, bitter Bosnians must see justice done

By David Rieff

NEW YORK - The Bosnian peace agreement is rightly being hailed as a triumph for American diplomacy and, with luck, as the beginning of the end of the conflict.

Unfortunately, the second proposition does not follow from the first.
The Croatians and President Slobodan Milosevic of

Serbia are delighted. But for those who fought and endured terrible hardships to keep the dream of a unitary Bosnian state alive, the accord is little more than the ratification of Bosnia's defeat.

In Sarajevo and across free Bosnia, there is as much bitterness as relief. Many in the army believed the tide of the war was shifting in their favour. This state of mind is an agent of postwar instability.

Among ordinary people, for all the relief at the prospect of peace, there is an overpowering sense of having suffered four years for nothing. Few are likely to celebrate an agreement that effectively ratifies the disappearance of Bosnia as it existed before 1992.

It was in defence of the ideal of a multinational. multireligious Bosnia that its mainly Muslim people have shed their blood and endured privations.

For all the talk of Islamic fundamentalism, most Bosnians did not fight so their country could turn into a monoethnic state like Serbia or Croatia but for it to survive as something different and better - like the European norm.

After both the army's faihure to lift the siege of Sarajevo in May and the slaughter in Srebrenica, the Bosnians knew their only alternative was to give in. America wanted peace and was backing away from its commitment to a unitary Bosnian state.

The prospect of being caught between the Serbs and an unreliable Croatian ally while facing a Europe that was largely hostile to them and an indifferent United Nations was terrifying. Before the Bosnians ar-

rived in Dayton, they knew there was no real alternative to the humane version of ethnic partition cobled together by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke. President Alija Izetbegovic was right to-

The question is whether, even if NATO troops are sent to Bosnia, the Bosnians will accept their defeat or see enough tangible; benefits in the peace to allow them to see the wisdom of President Izetbego-vic's insistence that "this, may not be a just peace, but it is more just than a con-tinuation of war."

Peace and the prospec-tive deployment of American troops are the only tangible benefits the Bosnians have received. It is not clear that American guarantees to arm and train the Bosnian forces are hard and fast.

Nor is it clear whether the reconstruction help that Bosnia needs if peace is ever truly to come will really be forthcoming.

Most important, it is not clear how committed the world is to bringing those who committed mass murder at Srebrenica and countless other towns to

Without the catharsis of Nuremberg, Germany's re-turn to the civilised world would have been far more difficult. Without a similar process in Bosnia, it is unlikely the peace deal in-tialed in Onio will endure.

For lasting peace, the Bosnians must be reconciled to what befell them while the world watched Given the bitterness in Bosnia, there must be justice. Without it, there will be no lasting peace, only a luli in the hostilities that will last just, as long as America

keeps troops in Bosnia.
There are too many Bosnians who, armed and unreconciled, will wait for the moment to take matters into their own hands.

The writer is an author and journalist who frequently writes about Bosnie and Cuba. The above arti-

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WITH LITTLE fanfare, 22 Arab-Americans had a historic meeting with both President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. The Nov. 9 meeting, in the Cabinet Room of the White House, marked only the eigth time that a U.S. President met with the national iendership of the Arab-American community.

This was the most representative group of Arab-Americans ever brought to the White House. As such, it reflected the excellent outreach effort of the admiustration's Office of Public Lizison (OPL). During the past three years OPL has made a sustained effort to contact and involve all segments of the Arab-American community in a number of White House events and initiatives.

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The composition of the Arab-American group also is a reflection of the extent to which the community is maturing and developing as on original constituency in U.S. politics. Among the 22 were the heads of most of the national Arab-American organisations, leaders of most of the larger country-specific groups, leaders from both polinical parties (including two Re-publicans who had served as officials in the Reagan administration and the trustees of the Democratie National Committee - i.e., major donors to the party) and Arab-American elected and appointed public offi-

During the bour-long meeting, we engaged the president on a number of ssues central to our country's concerns.

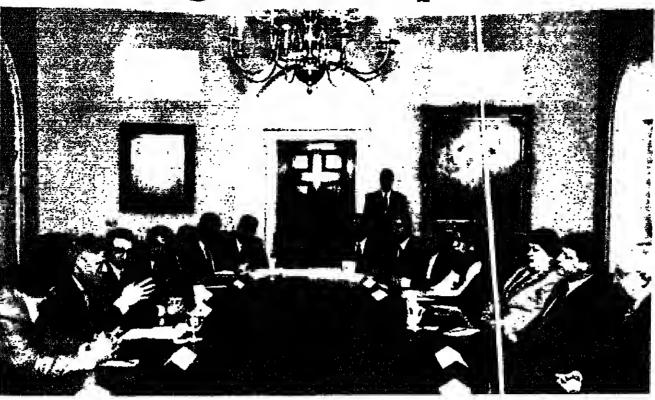
Only a few days before the government shutdown. President Clinton opened the discussion by focusing on his concerns with the ongoing budget debate. He emphasised that from his administrations' perspective, the debate was more than an issue of numbers; At stake were two different visions of the role of government and its responsibility toward people. The president made clear his intention to veto the Republican budget proposal because it cuts in social spending - for medical care, for the elderly, for education, for protection of the environment, and for the poor and disabled --- were too

Turning to the Middle East peace process in the wake of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the president affirmed his resolve to support Palestinians and Israelis as they make their agreement and to work towards comprehensive regional peace.

In my opening remarks,

and in response to the presideni, I noted that our community shared the administration's concern with the growing danger of extrem-ism both at home in the U.S. and abroad in the Middle East. The harshness and intolerance that moti-vated the assassin of Mr. Rabin, and the same phenomenon in its U.S. domestie variety, has become a threat 10 Arab-American and American-Muslim in the U.S. It was this extremism that accused the Arab and Muslim-American communities in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing — and has enda-gered our rights by focusing anti-terrorism legislation as if Arabs and Muslims were its prime targets. Extremism from the far-right in the U.S. bas also targeted the peace process, seeking to impede its progress by pas-sing irresponsible and destructive legislation against the PLO on the subject of Jerusalem. And, finally, this same right-wing sentiment seeking to close America's borders to new immigration and to deny social benefits to legal im-

Meeting with the president



U.S. President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore meet with representatives of Arab Americans

entitled to them. The president responded positively to all these concerns and reaffirmed that he would not allow legislation efforts by Congress to stop the peace process, which is why he opposed the Jerusalem legislation,

migrants who are lawfully

and that he is equally concerned about the scapegoating of immigrants, Responding, in part to our concern about the unfair treatment being meted out to legal immigrants, the president indicated his commitment to veto the welfare reform legislation which has just passed Congress. This issue had been brought to the president's attention by one of the Arab-American leaders present, Ismael Ahmad, director of the Arab Community Centre

The president clearly

Michigan.

for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), the understood this concern and emphasised that he nation's largest social sershared the conviction that vice organisation which works with Arab-Palestinians must experience the benefits of peace if Americans in Dearborn. the process is to work. He committed, as he had at an earlier discussion, to review Other issues raised by the the impediments issue and assembled Arab-American to work with us to find ways lendership included the imto balance security concerns pediments to economic dewith economie develop-

velopment in the West Bank and Gaza. Hani Masri, a Washington, DC In response to an appeal businessman and a trustee from former U.S. Ambasof the Democratic Party sador to Morocco Tom Nasstressed that if Israel did sif (who currently chairs the not remove the impedi-American Task Force on ments it has placed on the Lebanon) that the travel Polestinian economy, the ban on Lebanon be re-Palestinians would not removed, both the president ceive the needed economic and vice president indicated benefits of peace and the that the issue would be repeace process itself would viewed. Mr. Nassif's arguments for Lebanon's sovereignty and for an end

to the ban appeared to move the president, who has in the past spoken eloquently in support of the U.S. Lebanese rela-

As the meeting was con-:luding, we brought up f ollow-up on with the White I iouse House at a later date -- one of which was an is sues brought to the table b v Micbigan's large Iraqi C haldean community conct ming the humanitarian er isis in Iraq.

On hearing this issue raised, President Clinton im mediately responded with an expression of his de ep concern over the situation. "Some nights I cata't sleep thinking about the children of Iraq," the pre sident said. He that Ira-

qı President Saddam Hussein could end this crisis if he agreed 10 enact U.N. Security Council resolutions designed to allow Iraq to sell oil to raise hard currency which the international community would use to provide bumanitarian for the people of the country. But Mr. Clinton said that President Saddam had not agreed to that resolution, and as the recent defections from Iraq made clear President Saddam still bas not faitbfully implemented the other U.N. Security Council resolutions which are required before international sanctions

country.

Nevertheless, the president expressed his interest in receiving specific proposals from Arab-Americans to address the issue of providing bumanitarian assistance to the people of Iraq, with the provision that no such assistance must benefit President Saddam's regime. Follow-up meetings will be held with administration officials on all of these issues as Arab-Amerians build on this meeting with the president and vice president.

can be lifted against the

As further evidence of the administration's respect for the community, less than one hour after joining the president in the bourlong leadership meeting, Vice President Gore came to the site of our Tenth Anniversary Arab American Institute (AAI) conference to address the entire gathering. In his remarks the vice president said with clear pride:

"The U.S. leadership bas helped ereate the best chance for peace in Bosnian since the war began ... America has helped lead the way to a ceasefire and to the negoriations that are now underway. We have a responsbility to do our part in its implementation. Our values and our interests demand nothing less - to

stop the outrageous slaughter; to prevent war from spreading; to help build a united Europe at peace."

In recognition of the role Arab-Americans have played in U.S. life, the vice

president stated: 'Arab-Americans have always exemplified the middle ground: seeking opportunity, taking responsibility. Working your way into America's mainstream while preserving your rich traditions ... President Clinton came to office to preserve and fortify those values, values that Arab-Americans practice every day. And the president has enlisted Arab-Americans in this understanding cabinet officers like Donna Sbalala, White House staffers like Tom Kalil and Julia Moffet, and from my own staff Greg Simon and Holly Carver.

The vice president concluded by saying: "Every time I travel from the White House to my residence, I pass the garden memorial named for Khalil Gibran, whose words, which I paraphrase, I will leave you with ionight: As your ancestors bave been builders of Damascus, Beirut and Cairo, you should be builders of New York, Chicago, Detroit, and whatever cities you reside in this new

"We must move forward together - build peace

togehter." The meeting at the White House was significant both because of the depth and diversity of the Arab-American leaders present and the substance of the issues they raised. There is a recognition that Arab-Americans are a political constitutency that can play a role in elections and policy formation.

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Syria offers full peace

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resist foreign occupation. Another row also crupted between Syria and the EU over a planned free trade zone in the region by 2010 which will involve industrial goods and services but not agricultural products.

Negotiators who have been locked in intensive talks all weekend to try to reach a compromise admitted defeat on Monday and handed the problem over to ministers from the countries involved.

tacts" at the sidelines of Barcelona conference "during lunches and dinners that will be organised for the occa-

Syria boycotted the Middle

No Barak-Sharaa meeting in cards

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reiterating Syrian assertions that Israel was responsible for the deadlock in the neace. talks between the two coun-

Despite the diminishing chances for an official meeting between Mr. Sharaa and Mr. Barak, bowever, diplomatic sources expected the two officials to hold "con-

East and North Africa economic summit which was held in Amman in October because Israel took part in it but is artending the Barcelona conference even though it is attended by Israel.

ahead. It will aim to focus on

the civilian aspects of imple-mentation" of the accord.

scheduled to run from the

afternoon of Dec. 8 to the

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Meanwhile the Bosnian

foreign minister warned that

if the Bosnian Serbs show

"serious resistance" to the

Dayton peace accord, fight-

ing could resume and deman-

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Foreign Minister Moham-

mad Sacirbey said on a sto-

pover in Zagreb: "If there is a serious resistance by Karad-

zic and Mladic to the Dayton

accord, we could expect a

resumption of fighting in

order to protect the peace."

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He was referring to Bos-

Mr. Karadzic was accused

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zic's comments be brought to

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and that (Serbian) President

Slobodan Milosevic take

effective measures" to see

that the Dayton accord is

"It is essential that Karad-

Serbs under control.

the spokesman.

'establish a coordinated

The conference, which is

Serbs press push against deal

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Croatia and Bosnia, have hailed the peace deal and dismissed his protests. U.S. negotiator Richard Holbrooke said on Sunday the peace accord worked out at the Ohio summit would

not be amended. Milan Milutinovic, foreign minister of rump Yugoslavia, ruled out the possibility of any amendments to the Dayton peace accord.

"We can discuss other questions in Paris, if our hosts propose it, but under no circumstances the documents initialled in Dayton,"

he said. The foreign minister's comments came a day after Yugoslav President Zoran Lilic said the Beigrade government would seek to "cor-

rect" parts of the accord. Quoted by Tanjug news agency, Mr. Lilic said: "We will try to correct everything that isn't good," but failed to specify which parts he hoped

to revise. Britain will host an internaof whipping up demonstrational conference in London tions by Serbs in Serb-held Dec. 8-9 on implementation areas of the Bosnian capital of the Bosnia peace plan, the in what Mr. Sacribey called Foreign Office said. "a very worrying indication

A spokesman said it would nclude foreign ministers of the five-nation "contact group" on Bosnia -- Britain. France, Germany, Russia and the United States — as well as the NATO alliance, the European Union, and

other interested parties.
"The purpose," said the spokesman, would be "to mobilise the international community for the task respected, Mr. Sacirbey said.

The conference bas

brought together foreign ministers from the 15 EU countries, Israel, Turkey, Malta, Cyprus and eight Arab delegations - Syria, Lebanon, Egypt Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, Morocco, Tunisia and Alger-

Prince Ra'd reviews projects

Ekeus begins new Iraq mission

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the NRA's petroleum department, ontlined the authority's exploration for oil and gas, noting that Jordan's daily gas production at Risheb fields was about 30 million cubic metres and was expected to rise to 36 million in

During his visit to Aqaba on Sunday the Regent inspected areas that were affected by the recent earthquake and the aftershocks. He met with Aqaba's acting Governor Fayez Khasawnch and the mayor and other officials. He was briefed on coordination among their de-partments in dealing with the effects of the earthquakes.

Prince Ra'd urged the concerned authorities to train local residents in rescue and

food and medicine as long as

the measure undermined its

sovereignty and gave

Washington a pretext to

maintain the economic sanc-

would mean waiting many

more years before the embar-

go is lifted," according to Babel newspaper, run by

President Saddam Hussein's

will pull the rug from under

the feet of those who ask for

a lifting of the embargo and

allow the United States to

avoid such pressure," the

It denounced the United

States as "the evil empire"

and accused it of "trying to

force (Iraq) into accepting

the resolution in the pretext it

is difficult to lift the embargo

"Iraq rejected and will re-

ject this resolution as long as

it has clauses which under-

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On Sunday Mr. Sahaf

asked for amending the re-

solution to "take into account

Iraq's reservations. As long

as the resolution is not

amended "there will be no-

thing new" in Iraq's position,

The resolution adopted in

April allows Iraq to export up

to \$1 billion worth of oil per

quarter to buy food, medi-

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supplies, but under strict

Baghdad wants changes to

clauses which call for distri-

buting supplies to Kurdish

regions outside Iraqi control

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Iraq conceded for the first

time on Sunday that it was

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"Accepting Resolution 986

first aid operations in natural disasters and earthquakes. Prince Ra'd also toured some installations that were affected by the earthquake

and called on the local officials to speed up the process of repairs at public buildings. Dr. Khasawneh, who also president of the Aqaba Region Authority (ARA), noted that a special technical task force bad been formed grouping the Royal Scientific Society and the Civil Defence Department to offer services to the public through an op-

department in Aqaba. According to Dr. Zeid Adwan of the Haya Bint Al Hussein Hospital, only 30 citizens were brought to hospital for slight injuries and shock after the earthquake and there were no deaths.

under pressure to accept the

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said a parliamentary

committee discussed what it described as "the bostile

Western media campaign

aiming at compelling Iraq to

accept the unfair Resolution 986."

rantly violates Iraq's policy,

meddles in its domestie

affairs and plunders its

U.N. Secretary-General

national riches," INA said.

Boutros Ghali has repeatedly

called on Baghdad to accept the terms. Diplomats say

pressure is mounting on Iraqi

leaders from France, Russia

and China, perceived as

being more sympathetic

among major powers to Iraq,

to agree to sell limited

Arab and international rela-

tions committee in the parlia-

ment will write letters to

counterparts in other coun-

tries, urging an implementa-

tion of paragraph 22 of Resolution 687, allowing Bagh-

The Arab League is also

trying to persuade Iraq to

enter into direct negotiations

with the U.N. to discuss its

Deputy Prime Minister

Aziz on Sunday denounced

U.N. sanctions on his country

as criminal and said they

were being maintained only to serve U.S. interests.

information and documents

Iraq bas given to the Special

Commission is meant to

maintain the embargo for the

longest period to realise the

selfish interests of the United

States," INA said, quoting

Mr. Aziz.

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Peres: PLO must change charter

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committee in Tulkarem on Saturday and confiscated computers, documents and a fax machine. There were no arrests, they said.

The army spokesman said: "During an army and civil ustranon operanon in the office of the Muslim chrity committee in Tulkarem two days ago documents were confiscated which are suspected as inciteful material."

A Palestinian police officer in Jenin said on Monday be had protested to the Israeli army over the arrest on Saturday of activists from another militant group, islamic Jihad, in villages still under Israeli control in the Jenin area.

Israel said it had arrested 16 activists. The Palestinians reported 11 arrests.

Islamie Jihad and Hamas bave carried out suicide bombings in Israel as part of a campaign of opposition to the PLO's peace accords with the Jewish state.

Israel, meanwhile, gave in to demands from 25 Palestinian police and allowed them to travel across the West Bank with all their arms to the northern town of Tulkarem, Palestinian officials said.

Earlier, the officers had been barred for several hours from leaving the self-ruled enclave of Jericho for Tulkarem after Israeli troops demanded they travel only armed with pistols, leaving behind automatic rifles.

But after long talks, the Israelis allowed them to leave Jeriebo to travel the 100 kilometres to the north with all their arms, Palestinian sources said.

They arrived by bus accompanied by two Palestinian police vehicles. There are now 35 Palestinian police in the town of 45,000 residents as part of the preparations for an Israeli troop withdrawal.

It was the second snag to hit the redeployment programme in two days.

On Sunday there was a stand-off in Nablus when the two sides could not agree where the first Palestinian police to arrive in the northern West Bank would be After bastily-convened

out and set up base in caravans near Huara, about five kilometres south of Nablus. The Israeli army bad wanted them to base the Israeli-Palestinian liaison committee in Barka, closer to

talks the 10 Palestinians won

sonth of the town. Under the Sept. 28 autonomy deal, Israeb troops are due to quit six Palestinian

Nablus just three kilometres

towns on the West Bank.

They have already handed over Jenin to Palestinian control to allow elections to go ahead on Jan. 20. Troc ps will also leave Kalkiliya, Betblebem and

Ramal lab. Under special arrange ments they will stay in Hebron to protect 400 tlers it ring among 120,000 In A.1 Khader on the West Bank, a bout 50 Palestinians

on Mon day stopped bulldozers from levelling lands which they said had been seized by Jewish : ettlers close to Bethlehenn. Village TS from Al Khader said the 10-hectare site had

been taken by the settlers from the neighbouring settlement of N'ewe Daniel to build an industrial zone. "It is our land, not ody has sold it." they chan ted.

Israeli police sealed the area to keep other demonstrators out. Israeli ::oldiers shot and lightly wou nded a Palestinian

close to it roadblock near Ramallah, military officials They fire d at the car with Palestinian number plates

because of the suspicious behaviour of the driver who was lightly wounded," an army spoke: man said, without giving fiurther details. On Sunday an Israeli officer and a sold ier were slightly burt when stones were

thrown at their vehicles in two separate: West Bank incidents in Jericho and Tulkarem. Two petrol bombs were

also thrown in the direction of an Israeli military vehicle in Hebron late Sunday, but there was no damage or casuaines. The new chief of Islamic

Jihad, Ramadan Abdullah Salah, pledged Monday to pursue attacks; on Israeli military targets and settlements. "We do not target the Jews

because they are Jews but because they did us an injustice by appropriating our land," Mr. Shalah told the London-based Saudi newspaper Al Hayat. Mr. Shalab succeeded Fathi Shaqaqi as the leader of

the Jihad after Shaqaqi was gunned down in Malta by suspected Israeli agents on Oct. 26. "Our military activity is the product of Israeli ()ccupation and will continue as long as the occupation continues," be said, adding that the targets were "carefully

tlements inside Palestine." "But our jihad (boly war) is not only military. We are not an armed gang We're advocates of an Islamic proiect." he said.

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Rare communist confluence in fast-changing China

By Jeffrey Parker

Reuter

BELIING - Whether by accident or design, Beijing this week finds itself at the vortex of vesterday's ideology, hosting overlapping visits by the last leaders of world communism - Cuba and Victnam.

All that prevents a global communist summit is the absence of China's mercurial neighbour, North Korea, which technically has had no leader to send since the death of Kim Il Sung last year.

Pvongyang's putative leader Kim Jong-II has yet to assume his father Kim II-Sung's titles as party chief and head of state.

Vietnamese Communist Party chief Do Muoi arrived on Sunday for a seven-day stay that overlaps with Cuban president and Communist Party chief Fidel Castro's first visit to the Chinese People's Rcpublic, a 10-day tour beginning on November 29.

In the traditional socialist manner, details of their trips were not disclosed. although the party-run People's Daily ran a front-page picture and biography of comrade Do Muoi. It was not immediately

known if Mr. Do Muoi, Mr. Castro and Chinese Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin would all sit down together. A foreign ministry

spokesman said on Thursday that China was hosting two bilateral meetings. rather than something more, but ideological ironies abound whether they meet or not. Although China stands

alone as the last big country ruled by a Communist Party, it is loath to acknowledge leadership of the voctalist world — and would hardly qualify to lead a summit of world proletarian parties.

After disastrous experiments with forced collectivisation and other flights of Stalinist fancy, China jettisoned Marxist economics after 1978 when Deng Xiaoping launched the era of market pricing, stock and futures exchanges, private ownership. Rolls-Rovees and self-made millionaires.

Analysts say Mr. Deng's genius was his insistence on keeping the labels "socialist" to describe his ever more capitalist economy and "communisi" for the

ever more pragmatic ruling

Perhaps the greatest irony of all is that rump

Communists Cuba and Vietnam can't get enough of Mr. Deng's "Socialist market economy" and are keen to mimic his not-sosocialist success.

Both covet China's astonishing economic revival, which has unleashed 16 vears of double-digit economic growth and created a global trade giant and re-gional military power. although Beijing is still struggling with its most daunting task, rejuvenating the vast but uncompetitive state-owned industries, and remains plagued by parry corruption,

Cubii. tormented more than ever hy the United States-led trade embargo now that its longtime Soviet benefactors have thrown in the ideological towel, was never close to China, which through much of its 46 years of communist rule has been at odds with Moscow.

Since the Soviet collapse. Cuba has worked hard to kindle a friendship with China that has come to be seen by both sides as excellent. China's food industry and distillers offer a key market for the main Cuban export, sugar, while Cuba is cager to buy cheap Chinese foods, medicines and manufactured goods.

Analysis say Mr. Castro sees China as a model for emerging from economic malaise and diplomatic isolation without meeting the same fate as his Soviet and eastern European socialist kin.

Havana said on Saturday it was restoring personal income tax for well-to-do-Cubans, restoring something that was abolished as an evil of capitalism after the 1959 Communist Re-

Despite lingering pain and dislocation dating to the Vietnam war, Harroi has made great strides towards overcoming estrangement from the United States and other Western powers by swiftly learning the ropes of Chinese-style economic pragmatism.

In the process, Vietnam normalised relations with China in 1991, I2 years after they fought an unseemly inter-communist border war, and now appears to regard its vast northern neighbour more as an economic partner than ideological ally.

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Med states dream of rivalling Asia as prosperity zone

BARCELONA (AFP) — The European (EU) and bours are sitting down together here for the first time with the express aim of turning the region into a thriving free trade zone capable of rivalling Asian

The unprecedented Barcelona conference is to end Tuesday with a joint declaration setting out a vision of an end to trade barriers throughout the Mediterranean by

The 15 EU countries at the conference are putting up \$12 billion in aid and soft loans to their 12 Mediterranean partners to cushion the shock of opening up their markets for the first time.

In retnra, Enrope hopes to have a ready market for its industrial goods and services on its doorstep as well as areas of cheap labour costs to build its factories.

"The opening up of markets is an unstoppable process with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the emergence of the extremely competitive Asian economies," a EU official at the conference said. "The Mediterranean cannot rely on simply being cheap any more now that areas like South East Asia are efficient and productive as well.

At present, the European Union's sales to the sonthern Mediterranean countries stand at only 8.5 per cent of its total exports, while imports are 6.8 per cent of the total.
'Yet the Mediterra-

nean has the geographical advantage because of its proximity to Europe and there is enormous potential there," the European Commission official said. The argument that

European countries will have an alternative to Asia in which to build their factories and take advantage of low labour costs is a "painful" but important one, he added.
"There is a lot of de-

location going on, and we car" dery Mediterranean countries the advantages of having low costs as well as the drawbacks," the official pointed out.

The EU already has

association accords with Israel, Tunisia, Morocco, and is negotiating deals with Egypt, Jordan and

Lebanon.

It hopes that the collective effort to open up Mediterranean countries to each other as well as to the EU will bring other benefits as well as econo-

mic development.

By promoting jobs and prosperity in the poorer countries, the EU aims to reduce the flow of immigrants from the southern Mediterranean who already number 10 million inhabitants in EU coun-

"We can either export stability or import insta-bility," the EU delegate

Another advantage to a Euro-mediterranean economic partnership is the benefit it could have for the Arab-Israeli peace

process.

The EU has said it will favonr regional as opposed to national projects — such as roads. pipelines and water projects — when it comes to handing out the money on

And it points to the participation of Syria, which has boycotted previous international conferences involving Israel, as a sign that Europe's "carrot rather than the stick" policy may have some success where the peace initiatives of the United States have failed.

"Syria's participation and interest in the idea of iree trade is being seen as a major achievement," the E.U.k official said. "It gives Syria a way into the peace process without looking like a wimp."

However Europe recognises there is a long way to go before its vision becomes reality, and that Middle East politics will

play a large part. The idea of free trade with the Palestinians, for example, is a pipe dream until it is possible to travel to seff-ruled Gaza without having to change cars at the border with Israel, going through checkpoints and signing papers.

The final declaration

will push the idea of political reform and cooperation between the countries in the region.

Militants paralyse railways as France faces chaotic week

strikers paralysed the French railway system Monday ahead of a general strike Tuesday that threatens to bring the whole country to a

On the fourth day of a crippling protest, drivers har-dened their strike, forcing the state-owned railway company SNCF to cancel five out of six trains. In the Paris region, virtually no commuter trains served the suburbs.

The SNCF gave up trying to run trains between Paris and the south-western city of Bordeaux after railwayme blocked a high-speed TGV train on that route in the station in the western city of Angouleme. Passengers were transferred on to buses.

Strikers also blocked the line between Paris and the Normandy city of Rouen, cutting all services, and the railway company had to divert a TGV after railwaymen cut the line between the capital and Lille, in the north, where workers occupied a signal room.

As two of the country's three main unions prepared for a general strike on Tuesday, only four days after E1 public sector stoppage that paralysed the country on Fri day, railway depot after rail |way depot voted to continu e the strike and whole region is of the country were almo st entirely without trains.

Meanwhile students protesting university underfun ding planned a mass day of protest next Thursday for t he second time in a week. The communist-led CGT

trade union is joining Tu esday's strike called by the independent union Force O rrvriere to protest conservative Prime Minister Alain Jup; 2e's plan to reform the well tare system to cut deficits. But a third union, the pro-

socialist CFDT, is not ta king part, giving the government hope that it can divide and

On Monday most Paris train stations were out of action for the day. Bus services were cut in half for the Paris metropolitan are a and transport company, the RATP, said. But the metro was r unning

as usual, although it 1 ras expected to be hit on Truesday. The RATP accused the CGT trade union of i nterfering with "the free lom to work" by organising pickets at some bus depots and failing to give strike in stice.

The railway unions want

PARIS (AFP) — Militant the: government to take over strikers paralysed the French metal of the SNCFs. my assive 175 billion francs (\$ 35 billion) debt as part of a fiv e-year development plan which, it is predicted, will try to make savings through job crats, wge controls, productiv-it y gains and transferring reponsibility for loss-making egional lines to regional auhorities.

Details will be formally unreiled Friday.

A spokesman for the opposition Socialist Party, Francois Hollande, Monday described the situation as 'extremely tense" and warned that it could become explosive if the government refused to back down.

The train drivers also fear they will lost their privileged pension status under a reform of the French welfare system announced by Mr. Juppe two weeks ago. At present, railway workers are permitted to retire on a full pension at 50, ten years earlier than most public sector workers.

Mr. Juppe's welfare reform plan calls for public sector workers to work for 40 years, instead of 37.5 years as at present, to qualify for a full

The trade unions say that the SNCF's chronic deficit stems entirely from servicing Apart from curbing pen-

sion rights, the Juppe plan will levy a new tax to help pay off an accumulated social security deficit that will reach 250 billion francs (\$50 billion) by the end of the year. Government spokesman

Alain Lamoussoure has said the plan is open to consultation, but only on ways of achieving the savings sought by Mr. Juppe, and will not back down. The government considers

the reforms are essential if France is to stand any chance of cutting public deficits to be ready for European economic and monetary union (EMU) by the Maastricht treaty: deadline of Jan. 1,

CFDT leader Nicole Notat has approved the main lines of the Juppe plan.

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with China grows Intra-Asian trade

SINGAPORE (AFP) -- Chi-na's trade with the rest of Asia has grown dramatically over the past decade, raising the country's stature as a market and outweighing its threat as a potential competitor to booming regional economies, said a report.

Regional exports to the China/Hong Kong market grew from \$18.3 billion in 1984 to \$120.07 billion in 1994, said the Political and Economic Risk Consultancy (PERC). Imports from the market frew from \$18.2 billion to

\$102.82 billion, PERC said in its latest Asian Intelligence report which analysed China's growing impact on Asia.
It based the report on an analysis of China's trade with Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philip-

pines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. The China/Hong Kong market were combined because many exports to China go through the territory and are difficult to distinguish,

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the organisation said, noting also that Hong Kong would become a part of China in

Exports to the market accounted for 12.28 per cent of overall regional exports, up from 5.5 per cent in 1984. while imports grew to 11.62 per cent from 6.28 per cent. "It has largely been be-cause of China's rapid growth

that smaller Asian neigh-bours have been able to continue growing rapidly even during periods of recession in traditional markets like the U.S., Europe and Japan," PERC said.

"In other words, China's importance as a market so far has been outweighing its threat as a regional competitor for most countries Asia,"

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the Hong Kong-based consultancy said. It cited forecasts for speci-

fic industries to outline China's importance as a market. China has become the second largest beerconsuming country and by the end of the decade will overtake the United States as the largest.

It will be installing nearly 10 times more telephones than the second leading growth market in Asia -India - and in power, will be adding every year the current total generating capacity that exists in Switzerland. The growth in intra-

regional trade, with China at its centre, has also been accompanied by a dramatic increase in intra-Asia direct

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ethnic Chinese as the "glue linking China to other Asian countries. But it cautioned that this

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had mixed implications.

"The really important thing to note is that no matter which scenario you paint for China's future, it will entail significant risks as well as opportunities," the report pointed out. Every economy in Asia

would feel the shock in a "very negative way initially" if China's economy were to slump "badly for a sustained period" during a post-Deng Xiaoping transition phase, the report warned.

HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR TUESDAY,

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LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Contact the most informed per-sons you know today and let them advise you bow best to gain your aims of a personal nature. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Striking out in new directions where your career is con-cerned is wise today if you are to advance and be successful. Stay

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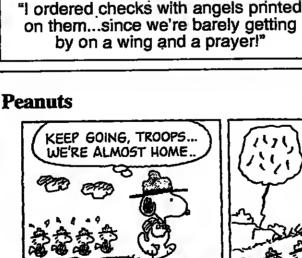
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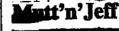
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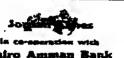
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Mideast stock markets compete to link Europe and Asia

DUBAI (AFP) — Middle Eastern cities are competing to set up a main stock market that would bridge the gap between European and Asian financial centre after the year 2000, economists said at a weeklong conference here.

There will be only room for one financial centre in this region," Britain's former chancellor of the exchequer Nigel Lawson told the United Arab Emirates (UAE) International Forum (EIF) which

opened Saturday.

A Middle Eastern financial centre would bridge the nine-hour gap between Asia's and Europe's market places, he told Arab businessmen at the five-day meeting touted as the region's answer to Switzerland's Davos Conference.

In the race between the declared candidates. Dubai has gained the edge over Beirut despite Lebanon's multi-billion-dollar plan to transform its capital from the ruins of its 1975-1990 civil war into a London of the Middle

Dubai has the advantage of being far from tension with Israel, looking eastward to the fastgrowing Asian markets, and having the region's largest industrial free zone at Jebel Ali, Mr. Lawson added.

There is no stock market yet in Dubai, but the UAE's state minister of finance Ahmad Tayer said the government has plans for a floor to replace the semi-official stock market in Abn Dhabi.

"We have not decided" between Dubai nad Abu Dhabi, but the "stock market will be fitted with a system serving all the Emirates," he told AFP.

Other countries are preparing for the race as well: Bahrain and Oman set up stock markets a few years ago, while Kuwait's floor, the oldest in the Golf as it was established in 1952, became computerised Saturday.

Qatar also plans a stock market in 1996, while Saudi Arabia a quotation system for local companies similar to Abu Dhabi's.

"In two years time, all six Gulf countries will have stock markets," by few cars." Oman security market ex-

ecutive president Mahmoud Al Jarwani from Muscat said. But the chairman of the British Bank of the Middle East, William Purves. said: "You can't have six successful stock markets as there are not enough companies. The place

should be." U.S. firm Anderson Consulting delegate John Skerritt compared the markets planned in each

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Abdul Latif Hamad, chairman of the Kuwaitbased Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, presented figures showing the Gulf to be a minor player in the world's markets.

Out of a trillion-dollar total capitalisation in the 38 emerging stock markets of Latin America, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe, the Gulf accounted for \$67 billion

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enough to make the Gulf countries agree on a single stock market, as each sought specific internal benefits.

Gulf states are setting up stock markets to "attract savers and foreign investors, check capital drain and help carry out privatisation," all needed to help their oildependent economies overcome the effects of weak oil prices.

Mr. Hamad forecast that the Gulf's stock markets "will compete between themselves" for capital but that "only the best will survive."

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A review of news from the Arabic press

Bus drivers caught stealing ticket proceeds from cash boxes

☆☆ ABOUT 17 hus drivers employed by the Public Transport Corporation were caught stealing money from the cash boxes in the vehicles. The management of the corporation had doubted the cash yield from ticket proceeds despite operating on busy routes of the capital and heavy public pressure to put more buses on the routes passing through the Raghadan depot. Information to police about the situation consolidated the doubts and a plan to catch the drivers red-handed was successfully carried out. All the drivers confessed to having been stealing the money from boxes for some time by using duplicate keys. The thieves were transferred to the attorney-general for further investigation (Al Ra'i).

Vice squad begins monitoring cinemas, public places and nightclubs

⇒ THE vice squad at the Amman police directorate has recently started monitoring public places and nightclubs in addition to combatting "obvious prostitution." A new responsibility for monitoring cinemas was also added to the functions of the vice squad after many people complained of movies showing pornographie scenes and advertisement posters that offend public decency. The section was entrusted with investigating any case concerning morale, including any violations that might occur at nightclubs. If found to have committed any offence, the clubs can be closed for short periods of time or fined besides having to provide guarantees that such offences will not be repeated (Al Dustour)

Tomato prices rises 125%

* TOMATO PRICES have soared since last week when a kilogramme could be bought for 100 fils. Now, with a 125 per cent increase, a kilogramme sells for 250 fils even though the quality is not as good. The higher prices are due to the cold weather which affected the country and to the delay in tomato planting in some regions. The prices are expected to continue rising gradually until mid December when supplies from the southern regions start coming to the market. Supplies from Central Ghor are expected in early January (Al Dustour).

Investors working on setting up 'Amman Country Club'

⇒ A GROUP of Jordanian and Arab businessmen and financiers are setting up a public shareholding company that will have many touristic activities, among which will be the establishment of a club that will be known as the "Amman Country Club." Shaher Al Tabbaa, chairman of the founding committee, said the company will have a JD 5 milion capital and that the two years of studies had confirmed that Amman was really in need of a comprehensive club within a new concept and a social, educational and recreational aims. The club will be set up on 105 dunums of land at Al Yadoudeh area, near the Ghamadan park and 12 kilometres from the Seventh Circle. The total cost will be in the range of JD 10 million including the cost of real estate. buildings and furniture in addition to founding and operating expenses. Mr. Tabbaa said. He added that international British companies specialised in the field of private clubs have prepared economic feasibility studies and preliminary designs and that a prominent consultant engineering office was entrusted to lay down the architectural engineering designs in coordination with foreign companies. The club, which is expected to open in the summer of 1997, will comprise various activities that will interest all the members of the family of different ages. A high-level and important European club has been contracted to mange and operate the Amman Country Club, which will employ more than 150 employees to ensure a high-level of service and recreational training (Al Aswaq).

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Ajax hot favourites for World Club Cup

TOKYO (R) — Ajax Amsterdam of the Vienna in May. Netherlands and Gremio of Brazil will be Van Gaal has looking to win the World Cluh Cup for the signs of a strenuous fixture list are beginning second time when they meet at the Olympic to tell on his relatively small squad with Stadium on Tuesday.

Ajax, who won the battle between the

European and South American champions in 1972, start as clear favourites against the Brazilians, who lifted the cup in 1983.

A jax arrive unbeaten in their last 65 match-

es and with widespread praises ringing in their ears after their outstanding 2-0 demohition of Real Madrid in the Champions League last

Real's Manager Jorge Valdano said after-wards: "Ajax are not just the team of the nineties, they are approaching football uto-pia. Their concept of the game is exquisite yet they have a physical superiority as well. They are beauty and the beast."

Only one player over the age of 25 defender Danny Blind - is likely to play for Ajax on Tuesday — and their strike force, which has already scored 55 goals in only 15 league games, could give the Brazilian defence a torrid time.

Ajax evoke memories of the Netherlands' "total football" philosophy of the 1970s, with attackers, midfielders and defenders all ready to move into any position, making runs and space for each other.

And with players like teenager Patrick lei, and midfielder Dinho, have any Brazil iKluivert, who scored the European Cupcap caps although right-hack Francisco Arce and winning goal against Milan, Marc Overmars, central defender Catalino Rivarola have Nigerian Finidi George and lethal Finn Jari numerous caps for Paraguay between them. Litmanen spearheading the attack, Ajax can literally create and score goals from any-

In contrast, Gremio play a far more physical, intimidating game, reflected by their bottom position in the Brazilian championship's fair play league in which the 24 teams accumulate points for each yellow and red card

While Ajax have mixed light training with cultural visits in the Japanese capital, Gremio have been moaning to the Brazilian press

about Ajax having better training facilities.

But that won't bother Louis Van Gaal's youngsters who have swept all before them in Europe this season, culminating in their have won 20 times, Europea champions cup victory over AC Milan in not held in 1975 or 1978.

SEATTLE (R) — Gary Payton scored 26 points and

Shawn Kemp added 25 as the

Seattle Supersonics overcame

a 16-point third-quarter deficit to hand the Chicago

Bulls just their second loss,

97-92 on Sunday. Kemp, who had 10 points

in a 22-4 third-quarter Sonics'

spurt, grabbed 14 rebounds

and Payton handed out 11

assists for Seattle (10-5)

which won its third straight

over Chicago and is unbeaten

"For us to play like that in the first half and come back

with some fire in the second

half showed a lot about this

team." Kemp said. "You get

pumped playing against any guys who have won cham-

pionships or have been suc-

cessful. Not every team has a guy like Michael (Jordan) or Scottie (Pippen)."

Jordan, who was stripped by Payton in a key play de-priving Chicago of a chance to tie or go ahead late in the

fourth quarter, scored 22 points and Lnc Longley

added a career-high 21 points for Chicago (10-2), which had

its five-game winning streak

in five home games.

Sonics give Bulls their 2nd loss

Jordan said. "We were back

on our heels. They came out

and played extremely well in the second half. Defensively,

they stepped up their press-ure and we lost our poise,

and from that point on, we

were just totally out of

Jordan and Pipen scored

just five points apiece in the

second half. Pippen missed

all six free-throw attempts in

Pippen had 18 points and

12 rebounds for the Bulls,

who have lost in Seattle for

In Detroit, Terry Mills hit

a 25-footer with three-tenths

of a second left to give the

Pistous a 102-100 victory over

the two-time defending

Champion Houston Rockets. The Rockets (10-3), who

have dropped two in a row

after a seven-game winning

Detroit

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the last three seasons.

the fourth quarter.

Van Gaal has few injury worries, but the international defender Frank de Boer a

Van Gaal is aware that Gremio have a reputation as a tough, physical side, but is not expected to change his team's style of play.

"We can't afford to let them upset our rhythm. They're a tough side that always attacks the opposition. They'll be very hard to hreak down," he said.

Ajax will have to keep an eye on Gremio's

top scorer Jardel, who has reportedly plundered 45 goals this year in all competitions although Brazilian teams play up to three

Jardel and strike partner Paulo Nunes have good understanding and can unscrew dences with neat one-twos.

However, the main attacking ploy is to hring on striker Alexandre, a tricky winger,

late in the game.

Gremio do not play with the style expected of a Brazilian team. They won the Libertadores Cup with a series of rough and uncompromising performances in which the emphasis was heavily on tough marking and tactical organisation.

Only defender Arilson, goalkeeper Darn-

Dinho has already won the title twice with Sao Paulo but, on the negative side, he has been sent off four times this year and during the Libertadores Cup quarter-final at home to Palmeiras aimed an Eric Cantona-style kung fu kick at an opponent after having been

Gremio are aware but unworried that Ajax are hot favourites. "Barcelona and Milan also turned their noses up at us, thinking they had everything won," Dinho said referring to when he played for Sao Paulo, Jardel said: You win football on the field."

In 33 matches since the World Club Cup was first held in 1960, South American teams have won 20 times, European teams 13. It was

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lead on Hakeem Qlajuwon's 15-footer with 3.5 seconds

After a timeout, Grant Hill

Allan Houston scored a

season-high 35 points and

Mills added 19 for the Pis-

game losing streak against

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Gunshots end middleweight boxing event

CAPE TOWN (AFP) -An international boxing hout between England's Warren Stone and South African boxer Simon Maseko was abandoned Sunday after a security guard was killed during an attempted armed rohbery.

The 10-round middleweight bout at a sports centre in Gugulethu black township near here was being shown live on television and viewers watched in amazement as the boxers dived out of the ring and pandemonium broke out

among the 1,000 spectators,

Four or five men fired about five shots as they tried to steal the gate money, killing the guard counting the takings at the ticket table. A bullet also grazed the leg of a boxing

The men fled empty handed in two cars. The event was cancelled by startled officials who declared the fight a "no decision," the domestic news agency SAPA said.

A spokesman for the ruling African National Congress, Ronnie Mamoepa, branded the incident an affront to South African hoxing and sport and called on police and sports orga-

nisers to tighten security.

Western Cape province police commissioner Andre Beukes said every attempt would he made to catch those responsible for the "brutal murder at a sports event on a quiet Sunday afternoon.

Western Cape Attorney-

General Frank Khan blamed the government for the incident, which he described as "a disgrace."

"For two years I have been asking for more money for justice and for the police to step up our security and our protection services." he said.

"But it has fallen of deal ears. If Cape Town wants to host the Olympics in 2004, central government funds for justice and law and order should be made available immediately.



Mauritania

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Mauritania, a country whose list of soccer successe could be written on the back of a postage stamp, are poised to win their first senior trophy

The national team from the largely desert west African state will have home advantage when they tacke de-fending champions Sierra Leone on Tuesday in the final of the Amilcar Cabral Cup, an annual regional tourns-

In the semi-finals at the weekend. Thiemorho Mohamed Lekouery scored his second cup goal in the 55th minute to give the Mauritanians a 1-0 victory over surprise packets Guinea Bissau in Nouakchott.

Sierra Leone, one of the 16 teams challenging for the African Nations' Cup in January, took a first-half lead over Cape Verde through Amidou Diallo and clinched a final place when About Bangoura netted with four minutes left. '4

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Among the countries eli-minated after the mini-league first round were traditional title contenders Mali, Guinea; and Senegal, who failed despite the heroic efforts of five-goal Mamadou Mamoune Diop.

Another little soccer nation with cause to celehrate were Rwanda, who held hosts Uganda goalless in the opening match of the East and Central Africa Senior Challenge Cup.

It was the first competitive appearance of the Rwanda national team since the country was plunged into a civil war last year which claimed

more than 500,000 lives. George Masatu netted with four minutes left to rescue a point for Tanzania against Ethiopia, who led twice through goals from Tesfaye Asegi and Kadafe Afwerki. Edward Mofesi was the other

Taifa Stars' scorer. "Algerian club JS Kabylie snatched a 1-1 draw against Julius Berger of Nigeria in a sensational finish to the first to arch-rival Pittsburgh in what could be their final leg of the African Cup-winners Cup final at the Oni-

kan Stadium in Lagos. Substitute Taiwo Oloyede appeared to have won the match for the local club when ses and Marion Butts ran for he scored with one minute two more before a low turnleft only for veteran forward Diamel Menad to equalise in away rather than watch a club whose owner has signed a

the dying seconds.
Iulius Berger, who had vowed to lift the trophy in memory of Amir Angwe, who collapsed during the semi-final triumph over Maxaquene of Mozambique and died in hospital, now face an uphill task in Algiers on De-

JS Kabylie are attempting to hecome the fourth club after Canon Yaounde and Union Douala of Cameroon and Al-Ahli of Egypt to win Champions and Cup-Winners' Cups.



Green Bay Packers receiver Robert Brooks is mobbed by fans after catching a second quarter touchdown pass at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Teammate Mark Ingram also joins the celebration, as the Packers defeated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 35-13 (Renters photo)

Marino breaks all-time TD pass record

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) -American football records have brought nothing but misery to Dan Marino.

The Miami quarterback toppled his third National Football League all-time passing mark this year, but re-mained winless in those outinbounded to the top of the key to Mills, who dribbled ings after Jim Harbaugh sparked Indianapolis past the Dolphins 36-28 here Sunday. left and launched the go-

Marino's six-yard touchdown to Keith Byars was his 343rd career touchdown pass, breaking the mark set in 1981 by Fran Tarkenton. But hopes dimmed on Marino's goal of a Super Bowl title as Miami fell to 6-6.

Lindsey Hunter had 16 "Not winning takes away from enjoying the record," Marino said. "We have the points and a career-high 10 rehonnds, ex-rocket Otis Thorpe added 12 points and 11 rebounds and Hill scored talent to win. I am proud of 11 points for the Pistons. Clyde Drexler scored 22 the record. I'm trying to enjoy this as much as I can considering we lost. It's strange how these records are points and Olajuwon added 19 for the Rockets, who lost for the first time in nine coming on losses."

Marino, who set yardage and completion marks earlier this year, threw for 254 yards and four touchdown; hut committed two turnovers. Colts' passer Jim Harbaugh threw three first-half touchdowns and ran for another. Critics wonder if Don Shu-la, the NFL's all-time win-

of the huge sums spent to upgrade the Dolphins' talent before the season. Shula has no answers after

three consecutive losses. "We played poorly from the start," he said. "It's very nosetting and very mystifying. I am as disappointed and upset as I can get."
The Colts moved within a

ame of AFC East Divisioneader Buffalo, which lost 35-25 to New England. Drew Bledsoe threw three touchdown passes to Ben Coates for the Patriots while rookie rusher Curtis Martin ran for 148 yards.

Thurman Thomas moved O.J. Simpsou in Buffalo his-tory with his 71st touchdown run to give the Bills (8-4) a 25-13 lead before the Patriotis rallied.

"I don't know what to tell you," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "When you get a lead, you expect to come out

Reigning champion San Francisco had no such worries in routing St. Louis 41-13. Stevel Young, the 49ers' quarterback, returned from a six-week layoff due to an injured left shoulder and threw for 226 yards and three touchdowns.

The 49ers (8-4) returned to sole possession of the NFC West Division lead when Atlanta (7-5) was apset 40-37 iu over-time at Arizona. Greg Davis kicked a 28-yard field goal 1:43 into the extra period for the victory after missing from 45 yards at the end of regulation time.

Arizona's Dave Krieg

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smaller Nashville. At Cleveland, more than 60,000 yelled with joy at a hard-fought renewal of one of the league's oldest rivalries. Pittsburgh kept the foot-

ball for the game's final nine minutes and moved the Steelers (8-4) within a victory of clinching a playoff berth. Philadelphia heat Washington 14-7 and Green Bay beat Tampa Bay 35-13, giving both winners their eight triumph of the season.

threw for 413 yards and four

touchdowns, the last with 1:57 remaining to force over-time. Only 35,147 people

were on hand to watch the

Cardinals, who reportedly

are considering a move to

Houston and Cleveland,

two other clubs planning to

leave their home cities for richer deals, had mixed re-

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Injured cricket fams by on the ground awaiting medical attention after a portion of the Vidarbha Cricket Stadium offepsed on Sunday (Reuters photo)

Doctors battle to treat cricket tragedy victims

NAGPUR, India (AFP) -Doctors battled Monday to save critically injured victims of the Nagour cricket tragedy for which an official inves-

tigation has been ordered. The collapse of a wall duting the one-day international between India and New Zealand at the Vidarbha Cticket Association (VCA) stadium in the western victy left nine dead and around 70 injuted. Vithal Mahadev Khare, a surgeon at the state-run Indira Gandhi Medical College

the 55 patients admitted there after the collapse were in critical condition. "It was very difficult to

General Hospital, said five of

treat the parients initially be-

cause thousands of friends, relatives and well-wishers crowded the bospital," he told AFP. "Now we have streamlined operations a liftle bit.

"We are doing every bit to treat the patients. Some colleagues have been working tound-the-clock and the state government has offered us

every help," he said. The stadium is to host a cricket World Cup match between West Indies and Zimbabwe early next yeat.

The tragedy occurred when a large crowd in the eastern stand rushed up a narrow staitcase just before the lunch break to look down on the pitch, witnesses said,

The wall collapsed without warning, they added, and around 100 people felt almost 40 feet (12 metres).

The brick stand was renovaled last month with the World Cup in mild at a cost of 30 million rupees (\$937,500). Capacity has been increased to 40,000 spectators from 24,000.

Some 40,000 people were at the match, in which New Zealand defeated India by 99 runs after running up a mammoth 348 for eight, the thirdhighest scote in one-day internationals.

Many people wito witnessed the accident shouted domands that the match be abandoned during the lunch

interval, but a VCA official said "there would have been a riot if we had done that." The New Zealand and Indian players were not told of

The government of Maharashira state, of which Nagour is winter capital, ordered an inquiry late Sunday. It is to give 50,000 rupees (\$1,500) to the family of each of the dead and 5,000 tupees (\$156)

the deaths until after the

The VCA is also to give 50,000 rupees to the families of the dead and pay for the treatment of injured, according to its President Ptabhakar Raniachandra Mundle.

each to the injured.

Aberdeen win Scottish League Cup

deen ended five barren years without a trophy when goals from Billy Dodds and Duncan Shearer gave them a 2-0 victory over Dundee in the Scottish League Cup final at Hampden Patk on Sunday.

The victory elinched a place for Aberdeen in next season's UEFA Cup - a remarkable turnatound fot the club that came close to being relegated for the first time in their 92-year history just seven months ago.

Dodds, who spent five years at Dundee, cracked home the opening goal against his old team after 33 minutes when Dundee's French goalkeepet Michel Pageaud failed to hold a ctoss-shot from Stephen Glass. Dodds fired in the rebound for his fifth goal in the competition.

Shearer, 33, a late replacement for the injured Scott Booth, headed home the second from a glass cross after 46 minutes to effectively

settle the tie. For although the first division side battled gamely -especially after substitutes Gerry Britton and lan Anderson replaced Paul Tosb

third of the match - Abetdeen were never seriously troubled and well worth their victory in the 50th league cup final.

Managet Roy Aitken said afterwards: "I feel we played well and dominated the match and got our justifiable reward. A club like Aberdeen needs to win trophies and this is a significant step in the re-building process."

Aberdeen, who won 10 major domestic trophies between 1979 and 1990 and the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1983, dominated most of the match with Dundee-boro Glass, Brian Grant, Eoin Jess and skipper Stewart McKimmie a confinual threat. Dundee, who knocked out

premier division sides Kilmarnock and Hearts on their way to the final, were not disgraced but never hinted that they could repeat Raith Rovers' shock defeat over Celtic in this final a year ago.

As well as ending Aberdeen's wait for a first trophy since they last won the Scottish Cup in 1990, the match was also the last played at Hampden Park before the historic south stand is de-

GLASGOW (R) — Abet- and Neil McCann for the last molished to make way for a new grandstand.

> Blackburn regain some self-respect

In London, beleaguted English ebampions Blackburn drew 0-0 at high-flying Arsenal on Sunday and although they are still sear-ching for their first away win of the season, at least they regained some self-respect.

Four days after the televised fight between Blackburn team mates Greame Le with 38 points, followed by Manchester United, who play Nottingham Forest on Monday, on 32 points. Arsenal stay third on 28 points, with Blackburn back in 13th place with only 17.

Although Blackburn never reached the heights of last week's 7-0 win over Nottingham Forest, they were greatly improved from their losing 3-0 display in Moscow and showed no signs of the alleged dressing room schisms and dissent that surfaced in Moscow. Batty's first

BRITISH SOCCER

Saux and David Batty during their abject display in losing 3-0 to Spartak Moscow in the Champions League, Blackburn produced a committed. United front to secure only their second away point in the Premiet League this sea-

They also ended Arsenal's run of seven successive bome wins and dented the Gunners' assault on the top plac-

Newcastle, who beat Leeds

pass to Le Saux after five minutes raised gentle, ironic cheers from the crowd.

Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp should have done better when he headed wide of the post from a Paul Merson cross midway through the second half.

Rovers thought they had won it in the last minute when Mike Newell hooked the ball home from an Alan Sheater flick, only for the goal to be wiped out by an 2-1 on Satutday, top the table offside flag.

Europe's big shots turn to the machine gun-

PARIS (AFP) - Europe's sniper rifles and turned to the machine gun at the weekend, blasting the opposition with a

flurry of goals. Germany's leaders Borussia Dortmund won 2-0. Paris Saint Germain went one hetter at the top of the French league, as did Italy's AC Milan and Atletico Madrid in

Spain. Dutch challengers PSV Eindhoven, meanwhile, up-ped the tempo with five with-

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out reply but even they were big sbots packed away their trumped by Portuguese pace setters FC Porto and Sporting Lisbon, who hoth bit their rivals for six.

There were fall-guys among the big names, bowev-

Bayern Munich's dismal 0-0 draw at bottom club FC Cologne on Sunday allowed Borussia, whose goals came from Jurgen Kobler and Michael Zore, to edge two points clear in the Bundesliedged two points ahead as Serie A's second-placed side Parma was held 1-1 at home by Juventus.

Milan's ambitious tactics of playing a three-pronged attack of Yugoslav Dejan Savicevic - who got the first goal after just six minntes -Liberian George Weah and Roberto Baggio paid off with 3-0 success over Piacenza,

Parma's point came from a 45th minute equaliser from Colombian Faustino Asprilla after a ninth-minute opener from defender Ciro Ferrara. Atletico Medrid's reign in Spain was also given crucial

Milan, meanwhile, also help. While Atletico won 3-0 against Oviedo, Barcelona and Espanol both managed no more than 1-1 draws at the weekend, Jobann Cruyff's side against Real Sociedad and Espanol against Zaragoza. Those results also gave Atletico the luxury of a twopoint cushion,

And it was the same storyline in France, where Paris Saint Germain's 3-0 win over Bordeaux only gave them a seven-point advantage at the halfway stage of the championship campaign after chief rivals Auxerre had contrived to lose 2-1 to 10-man Guing-

Miklavc edges Meyer in World Cup slalom

PARK CITY, Utah (R) — run, before a sudden snow Unheralded Andrej Miklave squall made visibility more of Slovenia on Sunday won a World Cup statom race that snow. featured one of the oddest

results of this, or any, season. The 25-year-old outsider produced a remarkable second run to record a tworun total time of one minute 38.72 seconds, an cyclink ahead of Christian Mayer of Anstria, who elocked

Fabio de Cringis of Italy made it a clean podium sweep for racers who began in the second seed group, finishing third with a time of

1:38.84. Sebastion Amiez of France, leader after the first run, faded to fourth in 1:38.95. Jure Kosir added to tho Slovenian success by coming in fifth, just ahead of teammate Mitja Kune in

Miklave, who was only 13 quickest in the first run and had never finished higher than eight in a World Cop race, demonstrated he has recovered fully from a serious knee injury he suffered just

difficult and softened the

The Slovenian also was aided by the misfortune of a number of leading racers. Alberto Tomba of Italy left

the course on the first run, as did Michael Tritscher of Anstria, who won last wock's slalom, and current World Cup leader Michael Von Gruenigen of Switzerland, winner of Saturday's giant sialom.

Lasse Kjus of Norway, who was second after the first run and had a chance to overtake Von Gruenigen in the overall standings, skidded off the course in his second-

Miklave saw a rare window of opportunity and leaped

"I quickly realised I had the perfect chance, the per-fect start for the second run," he said his prime start position on the deteriorating

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South Africa win **Four Nations Cup**

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Hosts Sonth Africa won the Four Nations Cup on Sunday with a 2-0 victory over neighbours Zimbabwe in the final match of the six-day tourna-

South Africa finished with seven points, three more than second-placed Egypt, who beat Zambia 3-1 earlier in front of some 30,000 specta-

tors in Johannesburg.

The goals from Sean Bart-lett gave South Africa their 2-0 win and victory in the tournament, designed as a warm-up for the country's hosting of the African Nations Cup finals in January.

Bartlett beat Zimbabwean goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar after 20 minutes for the

opening goal and wrapped up procedings with his second 10 minutes from the end.

Gtobbelaar made two brilliant stops to deny South Africa an even bigger win-

But South Africa spent a good deal of their time on the backfoot against a makeshift Zimbabwean side, who were late replacements for Nigeria in the four-team line-up.

Nigeria had their invitation withdrawn after the hanging of dissident Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others earlier this month

Egypt, who had been beaten by South Africa on Friday night, tehounded back with a polished performance against a tired Zambian

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The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST.

14 Pass 34 Pass
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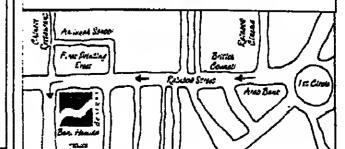


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Libyan exile found murdered in London; dissidents blame Tripoli

LONDON (Agencies) — British police on Monday appealed for witnesses to the murder of a prominent oppo-nent of Libyan leader Mnammar Qadhafi.

Ali Mohammad Abu Zeid was found stabbed to death on Sunday at his London

grocery in west London.

A Libyan opposition group accused Libyan government Libyan Foreign Minister quoted by by the official Libyan news agency JANA, said Tripoli bad asked Britain if it could participate in the investigation.

In London, police said they did not know if anything bad been stolen from the shop and said they had an "open mind" on the motive for the

They appealed for anyone near the shop early on Sun-day and who might have seen anything suspicious to contact them.

"At the moment we are keeping an open mind in regard to the motive for the murder," a police spokesman said, adding there was "no evidence" pointing to a poli-

Libya bas asked to take part in the investigation into the murder of Abn Zeid, the

TEL AVIV (AFP) — The widow of slain Prime Minis-

ter Yitzhak Rabin on Mon-

day opposed a rapproche-

ment between the new Israeli

government and religious

parties which already drawn

fire within the left wing ruling

draw closer to the religious parties at the cost of the

alliance with Meretz, that will

not please me." Leah Rabin told state radio.

The ruling coalition led by

new Prime Minister Shimon

Peres is made up of the Labour Party with 44 de-

puties and the left-wing

Mereiz with 12 deputies, as

well as the two right-wing

dissidents. Five deputies

from Israeli Arab parties also

support the coalition in the

Mr. Peres has tried 10

attract greater support from

the religious parties to isolate

the main opposition right-

wing group Likud, with just

11 months to go to general elections at the end of Octo-

To help set up a dialogue

with the religious parties and

settlers he brought into his

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Security agents

have drawn a wide dragnet

for two mysterious Libyans

who entered Jordan and

appeared to have gone to ground immediately, security

A report in a local weekly

tabloid said the two, whose

photographs appeared in the local press in two police

notices seeking information

on their whereabouts, bad

disappeared at the Jordanian-

Syrian border point at

It was not immediately

clear wby the two men were

wanted by the security au-

thorities. In the first public

notice in local newspapers,

the security authorities said

the two were wanted for

financial misdeeds, but the

second one said they were

sought in connection with

According to the sources,

the notices have drawn little

clues to trace the two. It was

not known when the two had

The weekly tabloid Hadaf

reported in its latest issue

that the two, identified as

Mufti Ali Masoud and Kamal

Juma Ali, bad vanished at the

border with Syria, leaving

"As far as the security

forces are concerned, the

bunt is still on for the two,"

said a source, speaking on

condition of anonymity. But

the source declined to say

Al Hadaf quoted the Li-byan charge d'affaires in Jor-dan, Siddiq Balquin, as dis-

missing reports that the two

men were wanted for security

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why the two were wanted.

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sources said Monday.

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"If the government tries to

coalition.

Leah Rabin assails Labour

bid to woo religious parties

official Libyan news agency JANA said.

It said the request from Libya's justice ministry was delivered to the British authorities by the Libyan interests section in London, in the absence of diplomatic

JANA identified the man as Mohammad Abu Zeid, a Libvan citizen.

Abu Zeid, who is married and bas children, was an ac-tive opponent of the Libyan regime, the BBC reported. He was jailed for 20 months in 1993 for dissident activity. Two years later he left for

In 1981, he helped found the main Libyan opposition movement, the National Front for the Salvation of Libya (NFSL). The BBC said he was involved in a plot, organised from Tunis, to assassinate Colonel Qadhafi in Tripoli in May, 1984.

Since 1980, at least 15 Libyan opposition leaders in exile have been murdered in London, Rome or Athens. Of those, nine took place between March and June

In September 1984. Mobammad Khomsi was found strangled to death in

government moderate Rabbi Yehuda Amital as a minister

There have also been con-

tacts between Labour and the

six deputies of the National

Religious Party, forced into a

period of soul-searching since Mr. Rabin's assassination on

Nov. 4 by a Jewish fanatic.

Zvouloun Hammer admitted

on Sunday that the autonomy

deals struck between Israel

and the Palestinians were "irreversible."

accords as a fait accompli

even if we don't support them

and will not give up our right to Eretz Israel," he said.

on the radio that "no govern-

ment will start a war to get

the army back into Gaza,

to the areas where autonomy

was launched in May 1994.

and the first Palestinian town

on the West Bank to be

evacuated by Israeli troops

under the September

"What has been done is

done. We must do everything

we can to create a climate to

dialogue and reconciliation

with the government."

The Public Security Department (PSD) said it had

no information on the mat-

fied sources as saying that the

two Libyans were involved in

a "very dangerous" plot and that the two could be mem-

bers of the Libyan external

security forces "specialised" in eliminating Libyan exiles

who oppose the regime of Muammar Qadhafi. Howev-

er, no opponents of the Li-

byan strongman are known to

Libyan-Jordanian relations

were estranged after the Feb.

2, 1994 assassination of a

Jordanian diplomat in Beirut.

Jordan accused an unidenti-

fied Arab country, widely be-lieved to be Libya, of issuing

the order for the assassina-

tion, which was carried out by confessed members of the

assassins was established

when one of them claimed in

the court that be was behind

the bombing of Pan Am

Flight 103 over Lockerbie,

Scotland, in December 1988,

and that Libya had no role in

the attack. The claim was

seen to be a smokescreen to

clear Libya of American and

British charges that it was

Libya is an avowed oppo-

nent of Israel, but reports

have suggested that Tripoli

had tipped off the Israeli

secret service Mossad of the

travel schedule of Fathi Sba-

qaqi, leader of the Islamic

Jihad group, and that the

tip-off bad allowed Mossad

agents to gun him down on

Oct. 26 in the Mediterranean

island of Malta. Shaqaqi was

on his way back to Syria from

behind the bombing.

The Libyan link with the

Abu Nidal group.

be living in Jordan.

Al Hadaf quoted unidenti-

Search continues

for two Libyans

Mr. Hammer said Monday

"We consider the Oslo

In a U-turn, party leader

without portfolio.

his botel room in Rome. In July, 1984, Attia Al'Faratah and Abdul Al Zam were shot dead in Athens. In June 1984, Mobammad Salek Choteiti was shot dead in

The London-based NFSL's stated aim is to fight for freedom and democracy in

There is nothing that makes us doubt it is a political assassination. Qadhafi has a long history of political assassinations. We are sure it is Oadhafi," said Mohammad Fayez Jibril, Cairo-based spokesman for the NFSL.

Mr. Jibril told Reuters a relative of Abu Zeid in the United States had in the past week warned him of a threat

Mr. Jibril said that in 1984 Col. Qadhafi accused Mr. Abu Zeid of organising an assassination attempt. "Abu Zeid's murder is personal revenge by Qadbafi," he

Libyan authorities had recently started putting pressure on the families of exiled opponents and the NFSL had contacted U.S., British and other European authorities to warn them of the presence of Libyan government agents, Mr. Jibril said.

'expels' Hisham

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

Yanis

AMMAN - Actor and yanis, known for his two plays "Hello Normalisa-tion" and "Peace Ob Peace" that be performs with his colleague Nabil Sawaihah, was expelled Monday from the Jordan Writers Association (JWA) for performing in

Mr. Yanis and Mr. Sawalhah were received by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Mon-Radio, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the meeting centred on the importance of the Arab-Israeli peace process and ways of enhancing it.

No, immediate commenti was available from Mr. Yanis. Mr. Sawalhah is not a member of the

Seven members of the JWA administrative body voted in favour of the decision to expel Mr. Yanis. Only three voted against it. The association's president, Ibrahim Absi is out of the country.

"He (Mr. Yanis) violated the code of bonour adopted last year by the association's general assembly," said Basel Rafa'ieb, a member of the

administrative body. The "code of bonour," adopted in August of 1994, bans members from contacts with Israel or any of the Israeli media. It also prohibits all kinds of cultural activities with Israel or Israelis. Any meeting or conference bosted or attended by Israelis is taboo for any

member. In July this year, the JWA sent a letter to Mr. Yanis warning him from programming in Israel and threatened him with dismissal if he insisted on going there. Mr. Yanis, bowever, apologised in a telephone call to Mr. Absi and promised be would not go, according to Mr.

Mr. Yanis left for Israel two weeks ago and appeared on Israeli television this week talking ab-

out his play.
"He tarnished the image of the association," Mr. Rafa'ieb asserted. "He violated the JWA's resolutions which call for resisting normalisation with Israel.'

"He is a bad example for Jordanians who love him and watch his play... artists and actors should be leading the public in the right path and not normalise relations with a country that occupies our lands and repress our people," he asserted.

Hamadeb Fara'neb for having given an interview to the Israeli television.

Last year, JWA sacked



SHOW OF STRENGTH: Israeli soldiers conduct manoeuvres on the occupied Golan Heights on Sunday during a visit by Israeli President Ezer Weizman to the strategic heights that Israel seized in the 1967 war. Syria's demand for Israeli withdrawal from the Golari Heights and Israel's insistence that the pullout, under certain conditions, should come in return for full peace with Syria have deadlocked Syrian-Israeli peace negotiations (see related story on page one) (AFP photo)



Islamists control Jordan **Engineers Association**

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Islamists scored a landslide victory in the elections for the seven branches of the Jordan Engineers Association (JEA), taking control of 40 out of 49 seats. One of the winners was an Islamist woman.

The outcome, crucial to the shape of the JEA council whose elections are expected to be beld in February, showed that the Islamists took full control of all seats of two of JEA branches, chemical and applied engineering, and the majority of seats in the remaining five bran-

The "White" or Islamists bloc won six out of the seven seats in the civil engineering sector. They also scored the same result in two other branches, the architectural and the electrical engineering. They won four out of seven seats in the mining and the mechanical sectors.

Wafa Ahmad Alayan, who ran for elections in the architectural sector, was the only woman elected out of five women candidates.

Islamists, reacting to the recent controversy over the role of professional associations, say the outcome of

elections shows the real political trend within the association - that the majority of members are against normalisation of relations with Israel. However, the figures do not exactly reflect the outical trend of the I of members.

The number of those who voted in the seven different sectors was 6,282, out of a' total of 19,961 eligible voters. The total number of JEA members is estimated at around 32,000.

As such, those who voted represented only 30 per cent of those who have the right to vote. The percentage of voters to the total number of registered engineers does not

exceed 17 per cent. His Majesty King Hussein in a recent speech stressed the need to separate politics from professional work at the

He called twice in the past two weeks on the silent majority to come out and express its support for peace showing dismay at the stand of several associations who bave threatened their members of dismissal if they made contacts with Israelis.

The King called on the associations to leave politics for politicians and asked the Higher Council for the Interpretation of the Constitution to rule on the legality of the powers exercised by the asso-

But except for one demonstration staged by some 200 engineers last week, the JEA at least 13,000, abstained, not only from demonstrating, but also from taking part in their own elec-

The result of the seven sectors are indicators of the final shape of the JEA council. Islamists have secured at least three seats in the JEA council since they won full seats in two branches and six out of seven seats in the civil engineering sector, which is representative in the council by two seats. Except for the latter, the other six branches are represented by one seat each at the council.

Except for the seats of the president and vice-president. JEA members do not have the right to nominate themselves as candidates for the council elections unless they were elected members to the councils of the seven different branches.

It is yet not clear whether Leith Sbubeilat, the incumbent JEA president, will nominate himself for a

Lebanon guerrillas **lob** rockets into Israel

KIRYAT SHMONA (R) — Guerrillas in South Lebanon fired two rounds of Katyusha rockets on Monday at Israel, and some of them landed inside the Jewish state.

An Israeli army spokesman said one rocket landed inside Israel near its northern border in an early morning attack but did not cause any Israel radio later reported

a second round of Katyusha rockets landed in northern Israel several hours later. The radio said there were no casualties or damage. It did not say bow many rockets landed inside Israel from the second round.
No Lebanese group

claimed immediate responsibility for the attacks and a spokesman in Beirut for the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) said it had no in-

formation on them. Hizbollah, which leads the Islamic resistance trying to drive the Israelis out of Lebanon, bas a policy of firing Katyushas at Israel whenever the Israelis bombard civilianoccupied villages in South. Lebanon.

The pro-Israeli militia sources said Israeli artillery inside the Jewish state's South Lebanon occupation zone bombarded possible Hizbollah hideouts in the western part of the Bekaa Valley in retaliation.

On Sunday, Lebanese security sources reported that Israeb forces fired shells at guerrilals ontside its South Lebanon occupation zone, killing one and wounding

Lebanese sources said on Monday a second man had died of wounds from the antipersonnel shells packed with steel darts.

Surgeon Mahmoud Ham-mud said the fighter died from internal injuries caused by a cluster bomb, which had exploded imbedding "several nails" in his body and in the other wounded men.

Cluster bombs aree banned under international conventions, but the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) of using them in South Leba-

The flare-up in violence reignited tension on the border but Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres played down the attack without blaming

Mr. Peres refused to blame Syria for the attack before the parliamentary foreign affairs and defence committee. "It is just one shot, there is no need to create a fuss," be said.

Israel usually holds Syria responsible for anti-Israeli guerrilla attacks in South Lebanon. The rocket attacks were

linked to the killing of Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Sbaqaqi on Oct. 26, military officials

The Palestinian group has blamed the killing on Mossad secret service agents, and Israel has ordered security to be stepped up at embassies and offices abroad as the end of a 40-day mourning period for Shaqaqi nears.

Most Americans say speaking a 2nd language is important

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Nearly three-quarters of. adult Americans believe it is important or extremely important to speak a second language, according to a poll by CNN television and U.S. News And World Report released Sunday. A survey this month of 824 adults found that 34 per cent of adults believe it is "extremely important" to speak a second language while 40 per cent believe in

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is "somewbat important," and only 25 per cent believe it is unimportant. The numbers varied little with variations in age, gender, income and education, the poll sbowed. The most popular second languages among those who studied them was Spanish, studied by 54 per cent, and French. studied by 34 per cent. Latin and German followed with 11 per cent and nine per cent, respectively. The most popular way to learn a second language was living where a language is spoken (33 per cent), teaching oneself with a book (30 per cent), listening to tapes (24 per cent), taking private lessons (11 per cent), and using an electronic translator (six per cent). The vast majority, 87 per cent of respondents, said they believed it was "never too late" to learn a second language, the CNN/U.S. News poll

Premier says no to birthday, New Year's cards

found.

HANOI (AP) — Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet doesn't want any birthday or New Year's greetings, thank you. He bas asked governors, mayors and foreign embassies to hold the cards and flowers in order to save money, according a to the weekend edition of Tuoi Tre (Youth) newspaper. Mr. Kiet also has instructed government offices to cut back on large-scale gatherings to mark anniversaries and traditional holidays, saying they put an unnecessary burden on the state budget. "All that money and (organisational) effort is taken from the ordinary people." Tuoi Tre quoted Mr. Kiet as saying in a. recent letter to government offices. "We don't have the right, and we cannot continue this kind of waste." Vietnamese officials have expressed concern about the growing state budget deficit, which Deputy Prime Minister Phan Van Khai earlier this year called "the most critical problem faced by government." The deficit is not officially disclosed but Vietnamese newspapers bave said it is expected to reach 9.2 trillion dong (\$836 million) this year.

2 Japanese schoolboys commit suicide

TOKYO (AFP) - Two Japanese schoolboys committed suicide Monday in separate incidents exactly one year after the highlypublicised suicide of another boy who could no longer stand being bullied, police said. The body of a 13-year-old boy was found hanging from a rope attached to a basketball hoop in the northern city of Niigata, a spokesman for the Joetsu Minami Police Station said, adding that the case was being treated as suicide. Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) said police had discovered a suicide note in which the being bullied by classmates. In the second incident, police found the body
of another 13-year-old boy
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Zeroual calls for national reconciliation but firm against extremism in inaugural speech

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Algerian President Liamine Zeroual on Monday appealed for dialogue and national reconciliation in his inaugural address but pledged to continue the fight against extremists who refuse to lay down their weapons.

"1 call on young Algerians who have taken the wrong path to think about the choice of the people and get back on the right track," Mr. Zeroual said sbortly after

being sworn in.
"The savage acts in which criminals, traitors and mercenaries are trying to implicate them go against the values of our sacred religion and that of our people."
President Zeroual said the

cabinet of Prime Minister Mokdad Sifi will remain in office until the end of the

Mr. Sifi presented his government's resignation earlier as is the tradition in Algeria when a president is sworn in. In a statement, Mr. Zeroual said he would retain the government "until the end of the year."

Mr. Zeronal bad named

Mr. Sifi as head of government on April 15, 1994, to oversee what had been expected to be an initial threeyear transition period that was cut sbort when Mr. Zeroual decided to schedule the country's first multi-party presidential election on Nov.

Mr. Sifi's government notably dealt with sensitive economic issues, like rescheduling Algeria's foreign debt, and prepared the presidential election, which went off without the violence threatened by armed Islamic extremists who launched a campaign of insurgency in 1992 that has left between 35,000 to 40,000 people dead.

In his speech, which was very general and did not outline a specific programme, Mr. Zeroual also pledged to bold legislative and local elections but did not specify when they would take place. "A national dialogue must

lead to putting in place as soon as possible the necessary conditions for elections," he said. He said restoring public

order and security was one of the virtues of Islam and the his main priorities and his government would continue the struggle against "what is left of terrorist violence."

Mr. Zeroual earlier took his oath with his hand on the Koran, pledging to "respect and glorify the Islamic religion and to defend the constitution, to respect the free choice of the people as well as the institutions and laws of the republic."

He swore to "protect the freedom and basic rights of people and citizens, to work unceasingly for development and the prosperity of the people and to devote all my energy to achieving the ideals of justice, freedom and peace in the world,"

Some leaders of a main militant group, the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), said they were considering a unilateral ceasefire following last week's elections.

"I invite Algerian youth who are misled to look closely into the ruling passed by their people and to return to the correct path," Mr. Zeroual said, referring to the polls. "Repentance is one of

values of our people.' But the ex-general vowed no let up in confrontation of militants who continued to fight the authorities.

The state will continue its fight against the remnants of terrorist violence which target the bomeland." he

The Algerian newspaper Tribune quoted FIS official Youcef Boubras as saying: The FIS's executive bureau getting ready to announce in the next few days a unilateral truce if the good faith of President Zeronal's statements is not contradicted."

"This is the decision from inside the country," Mr. Boubras added when asked if the move followed conciliatory statements by exiled FIS leader Rabbah Kebir, its spokesman in Europe.

Tribune said Mr. Boubrak spoke to one of its reporters by telephone. By his side as he spoke to the newspaper was Abdul Razak Rajam, former bead of the office of jailed FIS leader Abbasi

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